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MODY, SARKAR & ANEY RESIGN

Viceroy Accepts Resignation

Government's Policy Remains Unchanged

NEW DELHI, Feb. 17.

The Hon. Sir H. P. Mody, K. B. E., the Hon. Mr. N. R. Sarkar and the Hon. Mr. M S. Aney having tendered their resignation of the office of member of the Governor-General's Executive Council, His Excellency the Governor-General has accepted their resignations.

LITTLE SURPRISE IN DELHI

The resignation of the three members has caused little surprise in unofficial circles.

Whispers of this development were heard in the Assembly lobbies today. Towards the close of the day's sitting, it was noticed that the Treasury front benches were practically empty.

Mr. Yusuf Haroon, the Muslim League member from Karachi, making his maiden speech in the course of the debate on the food situation, began his remarks with a reference to the absence of the Government members including the Food Member himself, Mr. Sarkar, the Leader of the House, Mr. Aney and the Supply Member Sir Homi Mody, besides the Finance Member, the War Transport Member and the Home Member, who was ill. Mr. Haroon suggested that their absence was a clear proof of what little importance Government attached to the proceedings of the House.

IMPORTANT WORK KEPT THEM AWAY

Sir Edward Benthall, War Transport Member, intervening drew attention to the fact that he was present in the House.

Mr. Haroon asked what about the others?

The Chair suggested that presumably important work kept them away.

A brief explanatory statement on their resignation is expected to be issued shortly by the three members, but it is well-known with what great concern they have received the news of Mahatma Gandhi's fast and have followed its development from day to day, particularly the deteroration in Mahatma's condition reported yesterday.

Their resignation is believed to have been handed in this morning, and until then, it is thought they held on to the hope that it would be possible to secure a change in the Government's decision not to release the Mahatma unconditionally.

The fact that the Viceroy has accepted the resignation is taken to indicate an emphatic reaffirmation of policy hitherto followed in dealing with the situation created by the fast.

NEW LEADER OF HOUSE

Lobby circles expect that Sir Sultan Ahmed, Law Member, will become Leader of the House in the Assembly, in place of Mr. Aney. This will be in conformity with the tradition followed till two years ago that the Law Member shall generally lead the House.

The places of Mr. Sarkar and Sir Homi Mody will probably be taken by Secretaries of their respective Departments.

RESIGNING MEMBERS CONGRATULATED

The three members have been congratulated on their action by many friends among whom the news became quickly spread.

Pt. Kunzru and Mr. P. N. Sapru in a statement said: "In resigning at this stage, they have shown that they place the interests of their country above all other considerations, and they have stood up for the self-respect of India. We congratulate them on their patriotism."

The three members have been invited to attend the Leaders' Conference beginning here on Friday at 3-30 p.m. and it is expected that they will find it possible to attend.

Hartal In Delhi

Hartal was observed to-day in the city in connection with Mahatma Gandhi's fast. Most of the Muslim shops remained opened.

Prayers for the long life of Mahatma Gandhi were offered in several schools.

LEADERS' CONFERENCE

"C. R." TO PRESIDE

Mr. C. Rajagopalachariar who will preside at the Conference on the opening day is expected here to-morow morning. He is likely to meet Mr. Phillips, President Roosevelt's representative, during the course of the day.

The Metropolitan of India is arriving here by plane on Friday morning to attend the conference while Mr. Horace Alexander, who has proceeded to Poona hopes to arrive here in time for the conference. Others attending the conference include Smti. Sarladevi Chaudharani and Sir Padampat Singhania.

Bengal Contingent

CALCUTTA: Dr. Syamaprosad Mookerjee, Working President of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha, and Mr. Kiron Sankar Roy, leader of the official Congress Parliamentary Party in the Bengal Legislative Assembly, left to-night for Delhi to attend the Leaders' Conference to be held there on February 19 to discuss the situation arising out of Mahatma Gandhi's fast. Others who left to-day in this connection were Mr. N. C. Chatterjee Working President of the Bengal Provincial Hindu Mahasabha, Mr. Dulal Mitra, a member of the Bengal Provincial Congress Nationalist Party, and Khan Bahadur Muhammad Jan, M.L.C.

KASTURBHAI FOR DELHI

AHMEDABAD: Mr. Kasturbhai Lalbhai left to-day for Delhi to attend the All-India Leaders' Conference.

MALAVIYA BLESSES CONFERENCE

BENARES: Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya who has been invited to join the Leaders' Conference at Delhi, has sent the following telegram to the Convenors regretting his inability to attend the conference.

"Many thanks for invitation to conference. Regret health and circumstances make it impossible for me to undertake journey to join your deliberations. I am praying for your success. May God bless your efforts and save Mahatmaji's life for the good of the motherland and mankind.—MALAVIYA."

"PIONEER" APPEALS FOR COURAGE

LUCKNOW, Feb. 17.

"Writing more forcibly than we did day before yesterday—the sands are running out? It is not the time to mince words—we say that if the leaders go their different ways from Delhi without making approach to Mr. Gandhi, their share of the responsibility "for his death—should he unhappily exceed his "capacity"—will be great indeed", says 'The Pioneer' in a leader under the caption 'An Appeal For Courage.'"

"If they are honest with themselves", continues the paper, "They will in appealing to Mr. Gandhi to forsake his fast, tell him that he will be guilty of violating his own solemn undertaking, that he will be false to his profession, allegiance to truth, if as he becomes conscious of the fact that he has under-estimated his capacity he does nothing to increase it."

TELEGRAM TO MOORE

The paper then quotes the following telegram which it has sent to Mr. Arthur Moore in New Delhi: "Suggest you strive to persuade leaders meeting in Delhi to despatch joint telegram to Mr. Gandhi imploring him to forsake his fast or in any case to advance his capacity for surviving it by increasing his diet. Mr. Gandhi is in honour bound to fast only according to his capacity and neither he nor his friends can expect Government to forestall any disaster that may occur as the result of a miscalculation on his part or the mysterious operation of God's will."

Concluding the paper appeals to "great men gathered in Delhi" to rely on courage and honesty for the achievement of their purpose—the saving of Mr. Gandhi's life—and not to endanger it by a timorous disinclination to face realities."—A.P.

WHAT VICEROY'S COUNCIL THOUGHT

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, February 17.

An important meeting of the Viceroy's Council is taking place today when questions relating to Gandhiji's fast are expected to be discussed at length.

Lobbies continue to mention three Indian members and probably two others also, who have requested the Viceroy to reconsider the question in view of the deterioration in Gandhiji's health and to have the matter discussed over again in the Council.

At the time the Council met last there appears to have been the belief that Gandhiji might be able to stand the full period of the fast.

LONDON PLEA FOR MAHATMA'S RELEASE

(From A Special Correspondent)

LONDON, February 17.

The Indian Reconciliation Group today discussed Gandhiji's fast and cabled a message to the Viceroy requesting Gandhiji's release for meeting the Working Committee of the Congress and for reviewing afresh the whole position.

CABLE TO WESTCOTT

Friends of Bishop Westcott (Metropolitan of India) here with the Archbishop of Canterbury's support are cabling Bishop Westcott to visit Delhi.

Next Friday the Indian National Muslim Committee is holding special prayers in East End for Gandhiji's health.

Mr. Krishna Menon, Secretary of the India League, is meeting tomorrow some Labour and Liberal M.P.s in the Commons Committee rooms to discuss Gandhiji's fast. It is learnt that this meeting will decide the course of action.

Release Of Gandhiji Urged

A resolution urging the immediate, unconditional release of Mahatma Gandhi was passed at public meetings at Calcutta, and Berhampore (Ganjam). Telegrams were addressed to the Viceroy by the All-India Hindu Dharma Seva Sangha and Majlis-e-Ahrar-e-Islam in this connection.

TIMOSHENKO IN WASHINGTON

Prospects Of Allied Landing In Europe

LONDON, February 17.

The Morocco radio stated today that Marshal Timoshenko is in Washington.

"No doubt the date of an Allied landing in Europe will be determined by the development of Russian offensive." the announcer said.—Reuter.

BR. LABOUR PARTY'S DILEMMA

LONDON, February 17.

The Parliamentary Labour Party held a secret meeting in the Commons today to discuss their dissatisfaction with Government reservations on the Beveridge security plan.

An amendment by leading Labour Members declaring the Government proposals unacceptable would involve rejection of policy presumably accepted by their own Ministerial Leaders, including the Deputy Prime Minister Mr. Attlee, the Home Secretary Mr Morrison and the Minister of Labour, Mr. Bevin.

Reuter's Parliamentary correspondent understands that a majority of the Labour Party supports the denunciation of the Government's policy but after the appeals for unity by Mr Attlee and Mr. Morrison, a final decision was postponed until tomorrow.

"JUST IN THE MIDDLE OF THE WAR"

The Commons to-day resumed consideration of the Beveridge Security plan. Government critics demanded immediate action while the Government supporters were mainly content to await further explanation of the Cabinet plans.

The Government speaker, the Chancellor of the Exchequer Sir Kingsley Wood, declared: "We may only be in the middle of this war and the cost is still increasing. Let the Commons weigh these things, when they ask for estimates at the present time." Take some time and before finally committing themselves to any or all of the Beveridge proposals the Government would have to reconsider financial cost when it would be possible to get a better idea of what the cost would be.—Reuter.

AFTER KHARKOV, OREL?

Hitler Rushes Panzer Divisions To Stem Russian Advance

MOSCOW, February 17.

Reuter's Special Correspondent in Moscow in this morning despatch says:—

The Soviet army has broken through German defences and is today advancing rapidly towards Orel, the southern pivot of Hitler's central (Moscow) front.

Soviet troops have broken through the important chain of German strong points some 40 to 50 miles south-east of Orel.

In this new advance towards Orel one big Soviet column has progressed well beyond Droskovo which was captured on Monday.

Cabling from Moscow this afternoon Reuter's Special Correspondent said: "With the loss of Kharkov and Kursk the left flank of Hitler's south-Russia front is now in considerable danger from the new Soviet thrust against Orel, the last remaining bastion of the German winter line below Moscow."

PANZERS RUSHED TO KHARKOV FRONT

The latest front line news flashed to Moscow today said that Hitler has raced up large panzer formations and flung them into the battle west of Kharkov in a desperate bid to close the gap in his front created by the fall of the big Ukranian city. A savage tank battle is raging.

South west of Voroshilovgrad Russian troops continued their successful offensive. The Axis are sustaining heavy losses.

In the area of Krasnoarmeisk, Soviet troops continued their offensive. The Germans are trying to stem the Soviet advance at all costs.

"GRAND" SAYS ROOSEVELT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17

President Roosevelt on Tuesday described the capture of Kharkov as "Grand". He added that the Soviet reconquest of strong points such as Rostov, Kharkov and Kursk had lessened the opportunity for Germans to undertake an effective counter-offensive, though that was a significant feature of the great Russian advance.

Alsatians Won't Fight For Nazis

BERNE:—It is officially announced that military guards on the Swiss frontier have been reinforced following the escape into Switzerland of 380 young men from Alsace, who crossed the frontier to escape German military service. They have been interned.

Thousands of more Alsatians are attempting to escape into the interior of France along the roads in Belfort district near the Swiss frontier but the German troops blocking all routes have left no refuge open except Switzerland.—Reuter.

ROMMEL'S THRUST NEAR PFAID PASS HELD

NEW YORK:—According to late despatches, Rommel's thrust west of Pfaid Pass in Tunisia has been stopped but heavy fighting is still raging in the Sbeitla area, said the New York Radio this afternoon.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

JAP TROOPS LAND

CHUNGKING, February 17.

Japanese troops landed this morning in French east territory of Kwangchowwan in South-China.—Reuter.

BERLIN:—The German radio announces that Rommel's Afrika Korps in Tunisia has withdrawn to the Mareth Line.

STOCKHOLM:—The Russians were only twelve miles from Taganrog in their drive along the shore of the Sea of Azov from Rostov.—Reuter.

Huq Replies To Jinnah

Premature Release Of Letters Closes Door Of Negotiations

CALCUTTA, February 17.

Mr. A. K. Fazlul Huq has issued the following:—

I am publishing for public information the letter which I was to have written to Mr. Jinnah, as intimated in my telegram to him dated the 15th instant. The public are aware that Mr. Jinnah has released the correspondence that has passed between him and me without waiting for this letter, but, I think, the public are entitled to know what I had intended to write to Mr. Jinnah.

CALCUTTA,
The 17th February.

Dear Mr. Jinnah,

Your letter of the 10th and your wire of the 11th were not received by me until February, the 15th, 1943. Owing to the Budget session of the Assembly it was not possible for me to send you a reply earlier than today, but I sent you an express telegram yesterday saying that I would post my reply on the 17th instant. I was, however, surprised that last night you released our previous correspondence In doing so you stated as follows:—

"And as various developments are taking place in Bengal politics, I wish to release the correspondence that has passed between Mr. Fazlul Huq and me so that the public should know the correct facts."

It was apparently intended that the release of the correspondence should produce psychological effect favourable to the impending elections to various seats and offices in the Bengal Legislature. In ordinary circumstances correspondence carried on between two persons on important political issues, is released only after the discussion is concluded. I should have, therefore, thought that you should have waited for my reply of your letter of the 10th February, 1943, before releasing the correspondence.

I need not dilate on this point since the correspondence has been released, but owe it to myself to send you the reply which was promised in my telegram of yesterday. I therefore write as follows:—

In your letter under reply you have stated: "The first point, therefore, that I suggested in my last interview with you is that you should express your regret for what you have done." The whole trend of my correspondence will go to show that I was anxious, in the interest of the solidarity of the Muslims, to create a situation by which the Muslims of Bengal should be reunited under the banner of the Muslim League and that this should be effected without ripping open old sores.

In the earlier part of your letter under reply you have stated:—

"I took the decision of expelling you from Muslim League because your conduct and action was a gross breach of discipline and fundamental policy and principles of the All-India Muslim League organisation. Thereupon you expressed your regret and assured me that you were repentant and also expressed your willingness to abide by whatever proposal I would consider fair."

DISSOLUTION OF THE CABINET

The circumstances which led to the dissolution of the previous Cabinet were fully explained by me in my open letter to you written shortly before the dissolution of that Cabinet. In that letter I gave an account of facts. These facts led to the conclusion that I was not guilty of any breach of discipline and fundamental policy and principles of the League organisation." As a matter of fact, and it is well-known to you, the former Cabinet was not broken by me but by most of my ex-colleagues who tendered a mass resignation of their seats in the Cabinet.

I would, however, draw your attention to the sentence reading "Thereupon you expressed your regret and assured me that you were repentant and also expressed your willingness to abide by whatever proposal I would consider fair." Ex-hypothesis this is a complete from the settler of the first point referred to in your letter under reply; for, if I have already expressed my regret and have assured you that I was repentant and also expressed my willingness to abide by whatever proposal you would consider fair, there is obviously an end of the first point.

With regard to the point second you have stated as follows:—

"That you should liquidate the Progressive Coalition Party and completely dissociate yourself from it and resign from your office as Premier."

The Progressive Coalition Party can be most effectively liquidated by my resignation from the office of Premier. This I had consented to do not as a betrayal of the present Party but with a view to securing in the first place Muslim solidarity and, secondly, a completely National Government, in which all parties should be fully represented during the present crisis.

HUQ'S TERMS

"I stated categorically in my previous letter that if the ban on me were lifted and if the other Muslims and myself who were expelled were readmitted to the Muslim League and to the membership of the Muslim League Parliamentary Party in Bengal, I would be prepared to resign."

"In the face of this categorical declaration no further action was called for from me but it was for you to proceed to lift ban in order to secure my fulfilment of the stipulation that I would resign. Instead of taking this obvious course I find that you have released the correspondence without even waiting for the receipt of this letter. You will thus see that I had gone to the fullest possible extent to meet the requirements of the situation; but by a premature release of our correspondence you have evidently closed the door to further negotiations—a step which no one deplores more than I do.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,
A. K. FAZLUL HUQ.

P.S.: As you have already published our previous correspondence, I am sending a copy of this letter to the Press for publication.—A.P.

R. A. F. ATTACK ON MAGWE 'DROME

NEW DELHI, Feb. 17.

Last night R.A.F. "Liberators" attacked the Japanese aerodrome at Magwe, says an India Command Joint War communique. The bombs dropped included a number of the 1000-pound type and many bursts were observed on the target.

Yesterday 'Blenheims' and their escorting 'Hurricanes' attacked several enemy-occupied villages, most of which were on Akyab island.

From these and other operations all our aircraft returned safely.—A.P.

GANDHIJI HAD BETTER DAY

But General Condition Causes Anxiety

Regular Bulletin By Doctors And Surgeon-General To Be Issued From To-day

BOMBAY Feb. 17

"Mr. Gandhi had a better day on the whole on Tuesday, but his general condition continues to cause anxiety", says a communique issued by Govt. of Bombay on Mahatma Gandhi's health.

MAHATMA GIVES UP READING PAPERS

(THROUGH A.P AND U.P.)

POONA, Feb. 17.

Mahatma Gandhi is lying on a hospital cot so that he could be wheeled from place to place without any difficulty.

He has given up reading newspapers.

Visitors whose numbers are strictly controlled are not permitted to have long talks with him, the time allowed for each visitor being only from 15 to 20 minutes.

RESTRICTIONS ON VISITORS

Dr. M. D. Gilder is reported to be by his bedside practically all the time and ensures that no visitor excites Mahatma Gandhi by his talk.

The only activity in which Mahatma Gandhi participates is the prayer that is regularly held both at dawn and at dusk, when the fellow detenus at the Aga Khan Palace gather round him and sing devotional songs.

DOCTORS' BULLETINS

It is believed that from tomorrow, if not from to-day onwards, a regular bulletin on Mahatma Gandhi's health signed by six doctors, including the Surgeon-General to the Government of Bombay will be issued for the information of the public.

An earlier message stated:

Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy and the other Doctors examined Mahatma Gandhi again this morning and report of the pathologist is awaited. A heart specialist examined Mahatma Gandhi this morning.

The first stage of the fast is now over, with the conclusion of one week, and the second phase which is said to be a difficult period commences to-day. Doctors who attend on him are reluctant to make any comments pending the receipt of the pathologist's report. Mahatma Gandhi was given a massage last night by a nature-cure specialist, and it is thought that the treatment will be repeated.

Mr. Amritlal V. Thakkar, Vice-President of the Servants of India Society, Miss Amtul-Salam, a former inmate of the Sewagram Ashram and Lady Vithaldas Thackersey saw Mahatma Gandhi this evening. Each one of the interviewers was permitted to stay with him for ten minutes.

GAJJAR EXAMINES GANDHIJI

Dr. K. T. Gajjar, famous pathologist, who examined Gandhiji last evening is likely to examine him to-morrow again.

It is understood Dr. B. C. Roy has sent special messenger to Bombay to purchase some medicines for Gandhiji's use.

Yet another visit was paid to the Aga Khan's Palace this morning by Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy when in the presence of Col. Bhandari, Inspector-General of Prisons, Lt-Col. Shan, Superintendent of the Yeravda Mental Hospital, and Major-General R. H. Candy, Surgeon-General with the Government of Bombay, and other specialists he examined Gandhiji for the fifth time after his arrival on the evening of February 15 and was in the Palace for more than two hours.

Mrs. Lilavati Munshi, who has got permission to see Gandhiji, has already arrived here.

"CAPACITY" FAST

(From Our Correspondent.)

POONA, Feb. 17.

Any possibility of Gandhiji's giving up fast if doctors inform him that his capacity for endurance is exhausted is discredited in well-informed circles. It is stated that Gandhiji's reference to "fast according to capacity" means that he fixed three weeks period for the present fast according to his capacity and did not embark on fast unto death as he did previously.

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(Sd.) A. U. BOTAWALA.
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SURAT BOROUGH MUNICIPALITY.

(1) Wanted an Officer-in-charge, Public Health Laboratory, Surat Borough Municipality, for the temporary vacancy for about one year, in the grade of Rs. 150-10|2-200. Minimum qualification M.Sc. with chemistry. Persons having experience in chemical and bacteriological analysis of Food and water, will be given preference. A person with good qualifications and experience, may be given a higher start within the limits of the Schedule pay. Applications should reach the undersigned on or before 28-2-1943.

(2) Wanted one Technical Assistant, preferably with Microbiology as the principal and chemistry as subsidiary subject. The candidate must have passed B.Sc. or a higher examination. Persons having experience in chemical and bacteriological analysis of Food and water will be given preference. Pay Rs. 70-3-100. Applications should reach the undersigned on or before 28-2-1943.

(Sd.) B. B. MALIA,
Chief Officer, S. B. M
Municipal Office,
Surat, 16-2-1943.

(3430)

THE BANK OF INDIA LIMITED.
BOMBAY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of The Bank of India Ltd. will be held at the Registered Office, Oriental Buildings, on Thursday the 18th February, 1943 at 4 p.m. (S.T.) for the following objects:—

(1) To receive the Report of the Directors and Audited Accounts of the Bank for the year ended 31st December, 1942.
(2) To declare a dividend.
(3) To elect Directors in the places of those who retire but are eligible for re-election.
(4) To appoint Auditors for the ensuing year and to fix their remuneration.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the Bank will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 5th February, to SATURDAY, the 20th February, 1943, (both days inclusive).

A. G. GRAY,
Manager.

Bombay, 23rd January, 1943.

(3182)

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that RAJMAL KESHRIMAL, of Bombay Marwadi Hindu inhabitant has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our clients. Any person having any claim, right title, or interest, in or to the said property by way of sale, mortgage, exchange, charge, trust, lien, possession, maintenance, gift, inheritance, lease, easement or otherwise howsoever is hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Tamarind Lane, Fort, Bombay, within FOURTEEN DAYS from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without any regard to any such claim and the same if any, will be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY:

ALL that piece of land with messuages tenement or dwelling house standing thereon situate at HATHIBAUG ROAD (B) MAZAGAON admeasuring about 779 square yards registered under Collector's New No. 12/16280 New Survey No. 12/3693 bearing C. S. No. 359 of Mazagaon division and assessed under E Ward No. 6217(5) New Street Nos. 1-1A-3-3A and which premises are bounded as follows, that is to say on the North by Love Lane, on the East by property of Dr. L. P. D. Rajaria, on the South by property of Cooverji R. Sethna and on the West by property of Edulji Modi and another.

Bombay dated this 17th day of February, 1943.

GHULAMALI NOORANI & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.

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Public Notices

NOTICE.

THE CHIEF ORDNANCE OFFICER, The Arsenal, Kirkee, invites Tenders for a Knitting Machine New or second-hand. Offers should be submitted to the above address with full particulars and price.

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TENDER NOTICE.

THE CONTROLLER OF SUPPLIES (Purchase Branch) Ahmedabad House, Wittet Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay invites tenders for Cheesehead Bolts and Nuts and Counter Sunk, head Brass Screws.

Tender No. MP|8L|7471|DSR.

Price of tender forms is Rs. 10|- per set and is not refundable and the forms are not transferrable. Payment should be made in cash or by money order only to the Controller of Supplies (Purchase Branch) Bombay quoting tender number and remitter's full address on the coupon in the case of money orders.

Tenders will be received upto 4 P. M. on 3|3|42 and open at 12 noon on 4-3-43.

(3425)

Legal Notices

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that HAJI NOOR MAHOMED HAJI SALEH MAHOMED and HAJI USMAN HAJI SALEH MAHOMED, of Bombay, Mahomedan Inhabitants have contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

Any person having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise, howsoever, are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at 121, Esplanade Road, Fort, Bombay, within fourteen days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY:—

ALL that piece or parcel of land, situate on the South side of the Road No. 9 on the Agripada Estate now known as Plot No. 20 of the Agripada West Estate of the Board in the City and Island and Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 971 (nine hundred and seventy-one) square yards or thereabouts together with the messuage tenement or dwelling house standing thereon registered in the Books of the Collector Survey No. 1626 of Byculla Division and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under E Ward No. 4106 (3), Street No. 9 Club Back Road and bounded as follows:— that is to say, on the North by the said Road No. 9, on the East by Plot No. 19 leased to Rustomji Muncherji Mistry, on the South by a service passage and beyond that partly by Plot No. 12, leased to Hormusji Mancherji Kolha and others partly by Plot No. 11 leased to Pochaji Nusserwanji Khambatta and partly by Plot No. 10 leased to Fakirji Edulji Bharucha and on the West by Plot No. 21 leased to Bai Rahimabai widow of Abdul Razak Haji Abdul Karim.

Dated this 17th day of February, 1943.

CAPTAIN & VAIDYA,
Purchaser's Attorneys.

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Auction Sales

SALE OF EXCELLENT BUILDING PLOT AT THE WELLKNOWN SEA-RESORT AT JUHU NEAR SANTA CRUZ (B. B. & C. I Rly.), Messrs. SORABJEE COWASJEE & CO., will under instructions from the Executors of the late Mr. Dorabji Pestonji Seervai, sell by Public Auction on Sunday, the 21ST FEBRUARY, 1943, at 4-30 P.M. (N.S.T.) at the site of the premises the following plot of land.

All that piece of vacant land with cocoanut trees thereon situated at Juhu, Bombay Suburban District, in the Registration Sub-District of Bandra, admeasuring about 2413 square yards being final plot No. 8 under the Santa Cruz Town Planning Scheme No. 2 (in substitution for the original Plot No. 6 in survey No. 24 Plot No. 5 admeasuring about 3,063 square yards).

Further particulars and conditions of sale may be obtained from the undersigned.

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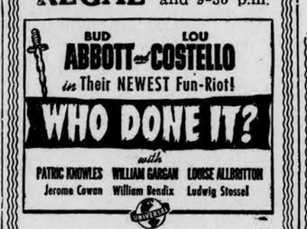
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TO-DAY ON RADIO

THURSDAY, FEB. 18.

Delhi I—Programme

338.6 metres (886 kc/s)

5 p.m. Chandabai. 5-10 Azim Prem Ragi. 5-25 Barkat Ali. 5-40 Shamshadbai. 5-55 L. C. Mathur. 6 Ustad Bundu Khan. 6-45 Shamshadbai. 7 Sach to Yeh Hai. 7-15 Azim Prem Ragi. 7-30 Barkat Ali. 7-45 For villagers only. 8-30 The Axis speaks. 8-45 Air voice Orchestra. 9-30 B B C News. 9-45 War Spotlight. 10 Onkar Nath, Abdul Karim Khan and Faiyaz Khan. 10-20 Barkat Ali. 10-30 Ustad Bundu Khan. 10-45 Filmi Gane.

Bombay I—Programme

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)

8 a.m. Abhang. 8-5 News in Hindustani. 8-15 News in English. 8-30 Baswaraj. 8-50 News in Marathi. 9 News in Gujarati. 9-10 Jugalbhai Vaishnav. 9-20 Mixed Melodies. 9-30 Marathi Bhavgeet. 9-40 Nanhe Babu Kunvar. 12-30 p.m. Bhakti Gan. 12-45 News in Marathi. 12-50 News in Gujarati. 12-55 News in Hindustani. 1 A Musical garland. 1-30 News in English. 1-40 Lunch-hour music. 4-20 School broadcasts. 5 To-morrow. 5-5 Lalita Nayampally. 5-15 Jugalbhai Vaishnav. 5-25 Nanhe Babu Kunvar. 5-40 Gujarati geet. 5-55 Local news and announcements. 6 Baswaraj. 6-30 News in English. 6-40 News in Hindustani. 6-45 News commentary. 6-50 Lalita Nayampally. 7 Kayadani Sadharan Samjan. 7-15 Ahalyabai. 7-30 Master Baswaraj. 7-45 News in Marathi. 7-55 News in Gujarati. 8-5 New Tunes for old songs. 8-20 In the news. 8-25 Music 8-30 The Axis speaks. 8-45 Vayu Vritta. 9 News in Hindustani. 9-15 News commentary. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C News relay. 9-45 Victorine Mich De Souza. 10 Ernst Politzer. 10-15 International Orchestra.

Bombay II—Programme

61.48 metres (4.880 kc/s)

8 to 8-5 a.m. As in Bombay 1. 8-5 Instrumental music. 8-15 to 8-50 As in Bombay 1. 8-50 Ahalyabai. 9-5 M. V. Saraf. 9-10 to 10 As in Bombay 1.

12-30 to 2-30 p.m. As in Bombay 1.

43.3 metres (6,085 kc/s)

4-30 to 7-15 As in Bombay 1. 7-15 Interval.

89.15 metres (3,365 kc/s)

7-30 Commercial news. 7-45 Jugalbhai Vaishnav. 7-55 Nanhe Babu Kunvar. 8-5 to 9 As in Bombay 1. 9 Nanhe Babu Kunvar. 9-15 Ahalyabai. 9-30 Baswaraj. 10 "Salgirah Ka Tohfa". 10-30 Eleven Flowers.

No Elections For Bombay Council

The Director of Information, writes:—

After a consideration of the question whether the triennial elections to the Bombay Legislative Council to fill the seats of the eight members whose term of office would have expired on March 31, 1943, should be held, it has been decided that in all the circumstances now prevailing, it is unnecessary to hold the elections. His Excellency the Governor has accordingly issued a Proclamation amending suitably the Proclamation issued by him on November 4, 1939.

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City And Suburbs

TO-DAY

Hindu: Magh Shud 14, 1999
Muslim: Safar 12, 1362
Parsi: Shehrever 17, 1312
Sunrise: 8-8 a.m.; Sunset 7-38 p.m.
Hightide: 11-07, 23-54. Lowtide: 5-29, 17-01

AMUSEMENTS

HINDMATA—"Mamaji" 4-30, 7-15 and 10
CITY LIGHT—"Zindagi" 5, 7-30 and 10 p.m
METRO—"Gone with the Wind" 2-45 and 7-45 p.m.
BROADWAY—Masoom 4-30 7-15 and 10
KOHINOOR—"Vasant Sena" 4, 7 and 10
MINERVA—"Sharda" 5, 7-30 and 10 p.m
SUPER—"Gora Kumbhar" 4-15, 7 and 9-45
CAPITOL—"Gallant Sons" 4, 6-30 and 9-30
REGAL—"Who Done It?" 4, 6-30 and 9-30
EROS—"My Gal Sal" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m
STRAND—"This Was Paris" 3-30 6-30 and 9-30 p.m
EXCELSIOR—"Two Yanks in Trinidad" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
LIGHT HOUSE—"Pimpernel Smith" 4-30 7 and 10 p.m.
ROXY—"Kismet" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Basant" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30
NEW WEST END—"Zamindar" 3, 6-30 and 10 p.m
CENTRAL—"Ten O'Clock" 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
CHITRA—"Khan Daan" 3, 6-15 and 9-30
EDWARD—"Pukar" 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
AURORA—"How Green Was My Valley 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
NOVELTY—"Haso Haso" 3-30, 7 and 10 p.m
OPERA HOUSE—"Surdas" 5, 7-30 and 10
SWASTIK—"Jawani" 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
KRISHNA—"Prarthana" 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
IMPERIAL—"Jawab" 4, 7 and 10 p.m.

DAY'S ENGAGEMENTS

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION: A special meeting of the Corporation will be held in the Corporation Hall to-day (Thursday), at 2 p.m. (B.T.).

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS—MATUNGA: A Public Study Class on the subject of "Cycles in Nature and in Man" will be held at 8-15 p. m. to-day at Putlia House, Bhaudaji Road, Matunga.

ANDHERI RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION: Under the auspices of the above Association, a Public Meeting of the residents of D. E and F Wards of the Parle, Andheri Municipality (Andheri and Jogeshwaree) will be held to-day (Thursday), at 7-30 p.m. at Gazdar Hall, Andheri to express dissatisfaction at the proposal to shift the Municipal Office from Gazdar Hall, Andheri, and to request the members of the Municipality to desist from doing so.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE: Mr. C. G. Vakil, Advocate, will speak on "A.R.P. Shelters," illustrated with slides, at the Lady Willingdon Building, opposite Metro Cinema, to-day at 6-30 p.m.

NATIONAL WAR FRONT: A meeting was held under the auspices of the National War Front on Saturday in the Compound of the Swadeshi Mills Co-operative Hall, Kurla, when Mr. B. H. Bilpodiwalla was in the Chair. Khan Saheb Kadri explained the aims and objects of the National War Front to the audience.

A public meeting was held under the auspices of the National War Front on Saturday at the Vacha School Play Shed Parsi Colony, at 5 p.m. when Major S. R. Bamji presided. Mr. R. N. Samarth spoke on the Food supplies. Mr. L. A. Ansari spoke on the aims and objects of the National War Front in Urdu.

RASHTRA BHASHA PRACHAR SABHA: The Rashtra Bhasha Prachar Sabha, Matunga will conduct a debate in Hindusthani open for all on Saturday, the 27th February, 1943, at the Asthika Samaj Hall, Matunga, G. I. P. Prizes will be awarded to the best speakers. For further particulars apply at the Sabha Office, 7, Krishna Nivas, opposite Nappoo Gardens or at Hindi Prachar Sabha, Adenwalla Mansion, Chowpatty Sea Face, Bombay.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS: H. E. Gen. Ho-Ying-Chin, Lt.-Gen. Yu-ta-Wei, Lt.-Gen. Hsiao, Maj.-Gen. Pao, and Lt.-Col. W. A. C. H. Dobson arrived at Government House. Lady Lumley visited the Bombay Combined Women War Workers at the Freemasons Hall and presided at the annual public meeting of the Y. W. C. A.

A SYMPATHETIC FAST: A local correspondent writes:—"Mr. Revashankar Vishwanath Jani, Secretary of Sirohi Praja Mandal has been observing fast since 10th February in sympathy with Gandhiji at his residence at Broach Street Mandvi. His wife is an active member of Wardha Gandhi Ashram. Mr. Jani is taking simple water either with pinch of salt or glucose."

TELEGRAPH NOTIFICATION: "Telegrams to Lahore and its adjacent areas are subject to serious delay due to line disturbances."

BOMBAY STUDENTS' UNION

The following is issued on behalf of the signatories of the requisition to the Bombay Students' Union Executive for the purpose of holding a general body meeting:—

"A statement appeared in the 'Bombay Chronicle' of 16-2-43, over the signatures of Arvind Mehta and Kishore Paleja. These gentlemen describe some incidents at 38, Harvey Road, on the evening of Tuesday last. It is entirely a cock and bull story. It is possible that some students went there and remonstrated with the Executive. We never advocate any such bullying tactics; if we did, not half a dozen but thousands of students would have gone there and given the Executive a bit of their mind. But that is not our way.

One salient feature of the story is this—that the gentlemen who issued the statement forgot how many students really came to the office of the B. S. U. A communist worker told us last night that 20 students went there; in the press statement the number increased to 40. In a leaflet signed by Arvind Mehta, the number is given as 80. If they are allowed to go on with the story, soon we shall find that a couple of thousand marched to 38, Harvey Road.

However, if the Executive wants to avoid such incidents, the best way would be to resign and make way for the representatives of the students.

Prostitution Act Amending Bill

The draft of a Bill to amend the Bombay Prevention of Prostitution Act, 1923, is published for the information of all persons likely to be affected thereby and notice is given that the draft will be taken into consideration by the Government of Bombay on the expiry of one month from the date of its publication in the "Bombay Government Gazette."

Under the present Law, no action can be taken against landlords for deliberately allowing their premises to be occupied for purposes of prostitution. The serving of notices on prostitutes under sub-section (1) of section 9 of the Bombay Prevention of Prostitution Act, 1923, has merely resulted as a rule in the letting of the premises to a new set of prostitutes every time, thus rendering ineffectual police action aimed at the removal of prostitutes from specific localities. It is, therefore, proposed to amend the Act with a view to make landlords punishable for the repeated and continuous letting out of their premises to prostitutes to enable the Police to clear specific areas effectually. It is proposed to make the new offences triable by stipendiary Presidency Magistrates only.

Journalists To Meet Turkish Delegation

Owing to Gandhiji's fast the lunch to the Turkish Press Delegation which was to have been given by the Journalists of Bombay on February 19 has been cancelled. In lieu of the lunch a reception will be given to the Delegation by the Journalists' Association of India, Bombay, the Provincial Committee of the Newspaper Editors' Conference and the Indian Language Newspapers' Association at 2-45 p.m. on that day. This will be followed immediately by a Press Conference The functions will be held in the hall of the Indian Merchants' Chamber, Churchgate Reclamation, Bombay. Admission will be limited to the members of these three bodies.

BOMB FIND IN COLLEGE HOSTEL

Special Court Holds First Hearing Of Sabotage Cases

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The special court appointed by the Government of Bombay to try cases arising out of acts of sabotages in the Presidency and its first sitting to-day at the Bombay High Court under the presidentship of the Hon. Mr. Justice N. S. Lokur.

The first case to come up before the court was that of Nagin Chotubhai Desai, a student of the Gordhandas Sunderdas Medical College, Parel, who stood charged under the Explosive Substances Act.

The Public Prosecutor, Mr. D. P. Sethna, conducted the prosecution with Mr. U. V. Desai, Assistant Public Prosecutor, and the accused was defended by Mr. I. N. Mehta. Mr. Amin and Mr. Chhatrapati.

The Judge at the outset refused an application made on behalf of the Government that the proceedings be held "in camera". In support of this application, the Public Prosecutor stated that the trials being those of saboteurs, who were suspected to have dangerous associates outside, and hence there were chances of witnesses being harassed outside. He further stated that the witnesses felt embarrassed if the proceedings were held in open Court, and were open to the press, and that the publication of the evidence of the manner in which bombs were prepared might help future saboteurs. Again, there was a danger of a bomb being introduced in the Court itself.

The Judge pointed out that as to the danger of a bomb being introduced in the Court, the police was expected to take care of the Court Hall. His Lordship, however, agreed that public should be excluded when technical evidence in regard to the manufacture of bomb was being led.

Mr. I. N Mehta, the counsel for the defence applied for a short adjournment of the case on the ground that the lawyers had no opportunity of taking instructions from the accused. This, the Judge refused to grant. He, however, allowed some time to the counsel to interview their clients in the Court.

Sub-Inspector Sheikh of the C.I.D. then gave evidence in course of which he stated that on November 14 last, on certain instructions received by him, he kept a watch on the rooms occupied by the accused and another in the Gordhandas S. Medical College Hostel. The rooms were locked, and the occupants were away The locks were broken open, and the rooms were searched. In the room occupied by the accused, two crude bombs were discovered. Card-board cases covered the bombs which were found in a tin containing pulses. Two phials containing a liquid were also found on the ventilator of the room. All these articles were seized in the presence of the "Panchas".

The accused surrendered himself to the police on November 17.

Reporters, thereafter, were asked to leave the room as some evidence of a private nature was to be given.

The case is proceeding.

Arrested For Alleged Stabbing Of Constable

Pyarelal Shiobalak and four others who were arrested by the Bombay Police in connection with the alleged stabbing of a police constable on duty at the junction of Ranade and Gokhale Roads in the north of the city yesterday, were placed before Mr. G. A. Subnis, Presidency Magistrate, at the Dadar Police Court, when they were ordered to be remanded in custody, pending police investigation.

Mr. Haji Criticises Police Procedure

In the court of Mr. I. S. Haji, Presidency Magistrate, Mazagaon Court on Wednesday evening an allegation was made by the accused Tulsidas Odanji (12) against Pydhonie Police officer who had put him under arrest on a charge of being in possession of prejudicial reports, which he denied.

The Magistrate observed that he was prepared to be his counsel if he found that the charge made against him was proved to be a false one.

The accused, the Magistrate said, ought to have been produced before him either on the second or third day of his arrest.

The Police officer stated that the accused was produced before the Commissioner of Police and remanded.

The Police Prosecutor stated that in a majority of cases accused were remanded by the Commissioner of Police.

The Magistrate objected to this procedure and said that it ought not to be followed in such cases.

The case was adjourned to February 25.

Students Bound Over

Five students, Babu Dadaji Nandurkar, Vasudev Shivram Apte, Sahadeo Mahadeo Rane, Moreshwar Gangadhar and Krishna Sadashiv, who were arrested on September 21st, being found attempting to take out a procession at Kamgar Maidan Road, by the Bholwada Police, were ordered to be bound over in the sum of Rs. 50/- for six months on account of their tender age.

Yeshwant Narkari Pednekar (23) who was arrested on December 23rd being found in possession of Congress bulletins by the Kalachowki Police, was sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 150 or in default to undergo one month's rigorous imprisonment by Mr. I. S. Haji, Presidency Magistrate, Mazagaon Court, to-day.

ROHINI WAGLE IN DANCE RECITAL

Navinya Kalalaya—the dance-school founded and conducted by Miss Rohini Wagle, rendered a good account of itself in its first dance-recital of the season at the Princess Theatre, Kalbadevi Road, on Sunday morning. The programme provided a varied fare of dances and instrumental music.

Grand Rally And Exhibition At Bandra

Lady Lumley will preside and open the Exhibition on February 19th at 5 p.m. Mr. S. N. Moos, D.P.I., and the Archbishop of Bombay will preside on the 20th and 21st respectively

The Exhibition will be open to the public between 9—10 a.m. and 3—5 p.m. on the 20th and 21st. There will be a Refresher Course for Teachers on 19th and 20th and 21st between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.,—the first two days for secular and the last day for religious subjects.

On Friday the 19th, His Grace the Archbishop will say Mass at 8 a.m. at St. Andrew's High School Compound and open the Refresher Course at 10 a.m.

There will be pageantry shows daily at 5 p.m., and besides several other attractions such as Children's Dance—Spotlight Dance Band in attendance—Whist Drive—attractive prizes to be given—there will be an amusement part for children which will remain open till the 23rd February.

Exhibition Of Mme. Lichtwitz-Krasso's Painting

An exhibition of paintings and drawing by Mme. E. Lichtwitz-Krasso will be on view on five consecutive days next week.

The exhibition will show a number of figure compositions, landscapes and drawings made in an industrial centre of Soviet-Russia, a collection of sketches, "Children of various countries" etc.

Mr. S. T. Dockray will open the exhibition which will be on view at The Taj Mahal Hotel, Princes Room. It will be opened to the public on Monday 22nd. inst. from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. and from Tuesday 23rd. inst. to Friday 26th from 11 a.m. to 7-30 p.m. The admission is free and 10 per cent on all sales will be donated to The Red Cross Fund.

Railwaymen's Demand For Dearness Allowance

A resolution demanding Rs. 30 per month as dearness allowance was passed at a meeting of the Railway workers held under the joint auspices of the B. B. and C. I. and the G. I. P. Railwaymen's Union at Kamgar Maidan, Parel, Bombay, on Tuesday evening. Mr. R. A. Khedgikar presided.

Eating Party Restrictions Extended

The Government of Bombay has extended the ban on the serving of eatable to 50 or more persons, except on a written permit, to the following areas:

Ahmedabad Borough Municipality and Cantonment and Sabarmati village; Kaira Municipality; Broach, Gadhra Surat and Ihana Municipal Boroughs; Ahmednagar Municipal Borough and Cantonment; Jalgaon and Dhulia Municipal Boroughs; Nasik Municipal Borough and Deolali Cantonment; Poona Municipal Borough Poona Suburban Municipal Borough and Poona and Kirkee Cantonments; Satara Municipal Borough and Suburban Municipality; Sholapur Municipal Borough; Belgaum Municipal Borough and Cantonment; Bijapur and Dharwar Municipal Boroughs; Karwar and Alibag Municipalities; and Ratnagiri Municipal Borough.

Swarupananda Tirth Passes Away

(From Our Correspondent)

BHUJ, Feb. 16.

His Holiness Jagadguru Sankaracharya Swami Shree Swarupananda Tirth of the Shardapith who carried on 'Dharmopadesha' during the past 8 months in various parts of the Cutch State and who was at Bhuj as His Highness the Maharao's guest expired at about midnight on Monday 15th inst.

Sunday February 21 will be celebrated as the Red Army Day by the National War Front throughout the province of Bombay. Several labour unions will participate in these celebrations.—A. P

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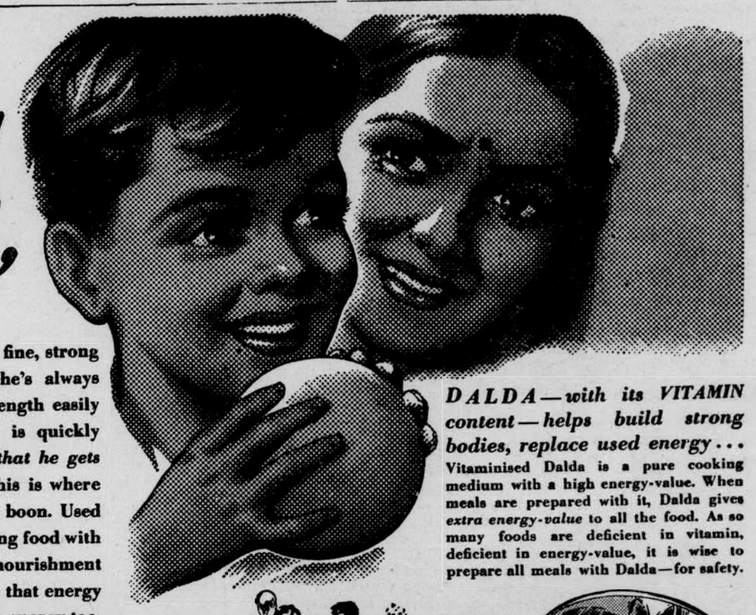

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DANGER OF DELAY

The news of the sudden resignations of Mr. M. S. Aney, Sir H. P. Mody and Mr. N. R. Sarkar and of their prompt acceptance by the Viceroy does not mention any reason for the decision. But it seems all but certain that the resignations are a protest against the refusal of the Government of India to release Gandhiji at once. If so, all honour to them, whatever may be their precise views about the propriety of the fast. They may be considered, if necessary, only after they are published. For the present we can only say that in all probability they believe Gandhiji's release to be most expedient, if not just. At any rate that is the feeling of most Indians to-day. And by giving voice to this feeling in their own way, the three members have rendered a distinct service to the country.

Why Gandhiji Should Be Released

The popular view has been convincingly set forth, by, among others, Sir Abdul Halim Ghuznavi, M.L.A. (Central), President of the Central National Mahomedan Association of India, in a statement urging the immediate and unconditional release of Gandhiji. His grounds for this demand are many. Briefly, they are: (1) that Gandhiji will exert himself to call off the movement of violence; (2) that "there is no better contribution to war efforts at this stage than the immediate and unconditional release of Mahatma Gandhi"; (3) that he "is a declared anti-Fascist"; and (4) that his release is necessary "on humanitarian grounds." Sir Abdul Halim wonders "what the Government fears in the release of Mahatma Gandhi for if after his release he again takes action which is prejudicial to orderly Government, he could again be sent to jail and this time with very much more justification at bar of world opinion than before." But what can the Government do to discredit the Congress in the eyes of America and the world if Gandhiji not only condemns violence but proves—quoting judicial decisions and otherwise—that Congress did not support violence and could not do so as long as its creed of non-violence stood? What will the poor Government do if they find the tables turned against themselves, if they find themselves unable to prove the guilt of the Congress? Sir Abdul Halim is perhaps right in his belief that "there is not in the Government of India due appreciation of the dangers of allowing Mahatma Gandhi to die in prison, which God forbid, as a sequel to the fast." Messrs. Churchill and Amery and Lord Linlithgow have lost no opportunity of praising the courage and wisdom of those Indians who accepted appointments to the Viceroy's Council. Will they now realize that by resigning those appointments the three Indians have acted with courage and wisdom which bring into relief not only the bankruptcy of statemanship of the present Government but also their utter isolation from the people of India? Let us hope Government's eyes will now at least be opened to the danger to themselves as to the country by the resignation of three of their best men and by the alarm with which the whole country is being convulsed at Gandhiji being held a prisoner in spite of the steady deterioration of his health during the very first week of his fast.

Act Quickly

The latest reports from Poona show that Gandhiji's general condition continues to give cause for anxiety. And the official bulletins issued till now are so brief and far between that more anxiety is being felt at what is not said than what is. It is, therefore, some relief to learn that hereafter the bulletins will be fuller and signed by six doctors including the Surgeon-General of Bombay. At present it is necessary that the bulletins should be issued twice daily. Nor can the people afford to remain passive, helpless spectators of Gandhiji's ordeal. In every nook and corner of India public meetings must be held to pray for his safety and to demand his immediate release. Gandhiji now demands nothing more than an opportunity to repudiate, in consultation with Congressmen, the foul charges levelled against him and Congress by irresponsible persons. It behoves the people of India to help him to get a right which cannot be denied even to a criminal. The people must act quickly. Every hour of delay is dangerous.

Might Without Right

The Government of India, being now constitutionally irresponsible, have the power to drive the steam-roller of Ordinances over what few rights the Indian Press possesses, and they are driving it ruthlessly. They are entitled to derive whatever satisfaction they can from that achievement. But they cannot have the satisfaction of convincing the press or the public that their assaults on the press are just. The Government of Bombay have, in violation of the Delhi Agreement, as pointed out by the Standing Committee of the Editors' Conference, served a Draconian Order on the press, which has seriously restricted its freedom not only to publish news about the fast but also comments on it. Most objectionable was the discriminating ban on the "Hindustan Times" prohibiting it from making any comment on Gandhiji's fast without the previous approval of the Delhi Press Adviser. Sir Reginald Maxwell's defence of the ban was puerile as it was nothing more than that the paper had given undue publicity to Gandhiji's fast. Indian papers may have to submit under British rule to various vexatious restriction which, the Standing Committee rightly points out, prevent a correct picture of the situation in the country being presented in India and outside, rather than suppress themselves entirely. But they do not feel that Gandhiji's fast has received from any paper undue publicity. And so long as they have any freedom left, they will never stint publicity to this great national tragedy. Sir Reginald Maxwell is the unfittest person to judge what is due and what is undue publicity in this case. He must content himself with the satisfaction that for the time being he has power and he can wield it arbitrarily with impunity.

Kharkov

The Germans have suffered a major disaster through the fall of Kharkov, from which they will find it difficult to recover—if they recover at all—for some months to come. As a German military spokesman has admitted, the Nazis have suffered a defeat unprecedented in this war. With the loss of Kharkov they have practically lost the key to the Ukraine. For them to put up any defence in the broad plains to the east of the Dneiper will be next to an impossibility. Retreat, therefore, to the line of that river and heroic efforts to hold the bridgeheads at Kiev, Gomel and other key-positions along the river appear to be the only alternative left to the Nazi army. There is, of course, Dnepropetrovsk, the "electric" town, with its vast plant for generating power, which was the pride of all Russia. One does not know how much of that plant was destroyed by Red troops themselves before they evacuated the town and how much will have been left behind when the Nazis are compelled to surrender it back to Russian hands. Such a surrender must appear inevitable in the near future, seeing that Soviet forces are closing on that town from more than one direction.

U. S. FORCES ADVANCE

LONDON, Feb. 17.

The Algiers radio to-day said that American forces counter-attacked in Tunisia and advanced about ten miles in depth.

The bulk of Rommel's forces seem now to be placed on the Mareth Line.

Allied Headquarters in North Africa:—A communique says: "The opposing armed forces were engaged during the day on the southern Tunisian front. On the outskirts of Sbeitla fighting was still in progress at the end of the day. During the night of February 15/16 roads behind enemy lines were bombed. Yesterday light-bombers attacked enemy gun-positions and vehicles. Fighters made many attacks on enemy ground targets. One of our aircraft is missing."

It is officially announced that a British submarine sank six Axis supply vessels in the Mediterranean.

EIGHTH ARMY'S PROGRESS

CAIRO: It is officially announced that the Eighth Army continued its progress westwards towards Medenine.

The R. A. F. last night raided southern Italy and Sicily.

The Eighth Army spearheads are now well beyond Ben Gardane in their advance to the Mareth defences. The going is comparatively uneventful.

Frankly Speaking

Set Back In Tunisia

That the enemy should have succeeded in driving back the American forces operating from the south in Tunisia and should have retaken Gafsa, shows that the Allies do not yet possess sufficient superiority in air over the remnants of Rommel's army. This fact one learns with some surprise, after so many months of the Allied offensive in North Africa and especially since the world has been repeatedly assured that American aircraft production has been mounting up recently to incredible proportions. What is the explanation of the mystery? Though the American forces have counter-attacked in Tunisia and have advanced ten miles in depth operations on all other fronts in Tunisia are, apparently, not progressing as satisfactorily as one could wish, though the Allied troops are now fighting under unified command. The speedy liquidation of the North African operations should be a matter of the utmost importance not only for its own sake but also in the vital interests of the life-and-death struggle which Soviet Russia is carrying on single-handed.

Not Fair

At a meeting of the East India Association held the other day in London, a Mr. Swithinbank, a former divisional commissioner in Burma, indulged in reckless vilification of Burmese "political circles" in general and some of the Burmese Ministers in particular. He accused the latter of encouraging and "even compelling" public servants to take bribes. One wonders why this worthy waited so long before he levelled these charges against the Burmese "politicals" and Ministers. Is it because they are no longer free to answer them? Mr. Swithinbank referred specifically to the following incident to drive home his charge. Last March, he stated, when the Japanese forces were rapidly approaching the district in which the influence of one political boss was the strongest he thought the boss could no longer be safely left at large; so he was arrested and sent in custody to Mandalay. The ministry ordered his release, said Mr. Swithinbank, who added "there is admiration, almost unknown in England, for the bold man who sticks at nothing. A gangster may easily become a minister and we had for a short time a minister of finance who had served a term in gaol for embezzlement." Mr. Swithinbank might have been asked but, apparently nobody among his listeners cared to ask him—whether it was not a British Governor who was responsible for the appointment of this alleged "embezzler" as his Finance Minister and if, that be so, what was the explanation which this Governor had to give of such a selection? One is quite aware of the fact that "political bosses", whether in Burma, India or Basutoland, are perpetual *bete noir* of British officials, but it would have been more decent of Mr. Swithinbank if he had waited till Burma had been reconquered to level his charges against Burmese politicians and their ministers.

Ex-Premier Of C.P. To Be Operated Upon

M. R. Masani Arrested In Poona

(Through A. P. And U. P.)

NAGPUR, Feb. 17.

According to the "Nagpur Times," Pandit Ravi Shanker Shukla, ex-Premier, who is now in the Vellore Jail as a detenu is suffering from nasal trouble and will undergo operation in the Government Hospital, Madras, shortly.

POONA:—Mr. M. R. Masani of Bombay along with 23 ladies and 20 men was taken into custody this evening for attempting to take out a procession in the eastern part of the city.

Mrs. Laxmibai Vaidya, who was released from the Yeravda prison a few days ago, has been re-arrested under Rule 129 of D.I.R.

EXPLOSIONS AND ARRESTS IN SURAT

SURAT:—A crude bomb exploded near the house of a Talati at Adajan near Surat. No damage is reported. A bomb exploded in the 'chaura' at Anand at Kunjrav Taluka, says a report received here. Punja Nathur Patanndia of the village of Khankuva and Fula Dhana of the village of Dharala have been arrested in this connection.

Mr. Kalubhai Laloobhai who was arrested on a charge of persuading merchants to observe 'hartal' at Baranpuri Bhagal at Surat has been sentenced to six months' R.I. Mr. Laloobhai Makanji Patel of the village Matnad of Jalalpore Taluka who was arrested at the village of Ashtagam on a charge of holding an unauthorised meeting and addressing it, has been sentenced to six months' R.I. and to pay a fine of Rs. 60.

Mr. Ratilal Sankalchand of Kapadyanj has been fined Rs. 30, in default to undergo one month's R.I. on a charge of possessing more than four gallons of kerosene oil without permit.

Mr. Ambalal Chhotalal of Dakor who was wanted by the police has presented himself before the court of the First Class Magistrate at Nadiad, says a report received here.

The collective fine imposed on the village of Kadod in the Bardoli Taluka of the Surat District has been recovered in full.

BOMB THROWN AT POLICE STATION

CAWNPORE:—A country-made bomb was thrown at the Nawabganj police station last night by somebody from a running 'ekka.' The bomb, however, did not explode.

MYSORE:—The Special First Class Magistrate of Nanjangund convicted Mr. Chikka Lingaya of the offence of making an objectionable speech in September last and sentenced him to four months' R.I. and to pay a fine of Rs. 250 on each of the two counts, the sentences to run concurrently.

NASIK:—Mr. Mahadeorao G. Ingle, Secretary of the Nasik City Congress Committee who was under detention in the Central Jail at Yeravda, has been released on parole for a period of fifteen days to see his ailing mother.

Five students from Bombay who were arrested on the Malegaon bus stand, some days back, have been taken to Nishad for trial.

MAHADEO DESAI DAY

In observance of the Mahadeo Desai Da, the merchants in the city observed 'hartal' and the students absented themselves from the schools. 'Prabhat Pheris' were taken out in the morning. A procession was also taken out in the evening. The police dispersed the processionists when they came on the Main Road. Miss Vanmala Nagarkar, Mrs. Porje and Mrs. Kalavatibai, Lingayat were arrested for taking out the procession without the previous permission of the District Magistrate.

NIECE OF POTHAN JOSEPH ARRESTED

MADRAS:—The Madras Secretariat was picketed on Tuesday morning; twelve students including Miss Anna Joseph, niece of Mr. Pothan Joseph, Editor, "Dawn" were arrested, four for picketing and eight for incitement. The students of Pachiappa's College were the Secretariat is accommodated, shouted slogans and tried to prevent members of the staff from getting into the building. A large number of students of the Engineering College went on fast.

ARRESTED FOR CONGRESS SLOGANS

MADRAS:—Three students, two of them girls, were taken into custody by the police for shouting Congress slogans at the premises of the court of the Chief Presidency Magistrate to-day.

FIVE ARRESTED IN DELHI

NEW DELHI:—Five persons were arrested this evening while marching a procession near Clock Tower.

POLITICALS BELOW 18 TO BE RELEASED

CALCUTTA, Feb. 15.

In pursuance of the Bengal Government's recent order to release all young persons below the age of 18 who have been detained or imprisoned for "mere participation in some items of the Congress programme" some such persons have already been released from the Dum Dum, Presidency and Alipore Central Jail.

Cases of several others are also being examined by the police authorities in the light of the Government order.—A. P.

Give Information And Get Rewarded

HUBLI, Feb. 16.

Rewards of Rs. 5,000 each have been declared by the District Police Superintendent of Belgaum for the arrest or information leading to the arrest of Shrirang Kamat, Channappa Wali, Ramachandra Vadavi and Annu Guruji.

Gulahosur and Dhupdhal Chavadis have been burnt.—A. P.

CITY FATHERS WALKOUT

Sequel To President's Ruling On Resolution On Mahatma's Release

NEW DELHI, Feb. 17.

On the refusal of the president to allow Mr. Desraj Choudhary, senior Vice-President to move a resolution urging the immediate and unconditional release of Mahatma Gandhi, a walkout was staged this evening at the meeting of the Delhi Municipal Committee held in Town Hall, Deputy Commissioner presiding.

Before the commencement of the usual proceedings, Mr. Desraj Choudhary rose to move the resolution, notice for which he had given one day earlier, but the president disallowed the resolution saying that it was inadmissable in view of the provision of Para 6 of the Chief Commissioner's notification dated October 15, 1940.

At this stage five members led by the senior Vice-President walked out of the meeting.—A. P.

QUIT ORDER ON SUNNI LEADERS

LUCKNOW, Feb. 17.

The Government of the United Provinces have served notices under D.I.F. on four Sunni leaders of Lucknow, namely Maulana Kalimullah, Maulana Abdul Aziz, Hafiz Mohammad Ishaq and Mr. Nazir Ahmad, Advocate, directing them to quit Lucknow within 24 hours and not to reside in the twelve districts of Oudh Province and Cawnpore District.—A.P.

SOUTH WALES TOWN BOMBED

LONDON, February 17.

An Air Ministry communique announces: "Enemy aircraft last night crossed the south-west coast of England at several points. Some of these aircraft flew on and dropped bombs in a place on the coast of South Wales where damage was done. There was a number of casualties including some people killed.

Elsewhere there was a small number of casualties and damage caused was slight.

Three enemy aircraft were destroyed."

TWELVE KILLED

In a raid on a South Wales town last night, the number killed is stated to be twelve. Damage though isolated was extensive. A ward of a hospital was struck. Besides three raiders brought down in south-west England, it is announced that one was destroyed near its base in Northern France.

LORIENT HEAVILY BOMBED

It is officially announced that R.A.F. heavily raided Lorient last night. One enemy fighter was shot down by these bombers.

Fighter Command aircraft attacked enemy communications and transport at many points in France, Belgium and North-west Germany and destroyed an enemy aircraft. From the night's operations, two R.A.F. bombers are missing.—Reuter

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT

NEW YORK:— Theodre Dreiser, the noted American novelist, describes himself as "No. 1 Victim Of Four Freedoms" because he was barred from making public speeches or statement in Canada during his visit there recently.

It was stated in Canadian Government Circles that certain remarks of Dreiser were prejudicial to the cause of the United Nations in their conduct of war and hence a ban was put on him to make speeches and statements.—India Press Service.

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"The war has brought freedom to India."

If you don't believe it, please apply for elucidation to Mr. M. N. Roy, President of the Radical Democratic Party and Federation of Indian Labour.

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Mr. Arthur Moore, President of the Indian and Eastern Newspaper Society, says the Society is "mirror and model of United India."

And, of course, a United India with an Englishman at the top!

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The Annual Report of the Osmania University, Hyderabad, shows that a number of girls give up their studies to get married.

Their husbands, of course, wish they had continued their studies!

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"My Child" Nearing Completion
—Cinema page headline.

Tut! Tut!

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TO-DAY'S PRIZE HOWLERS.
(Perpetrated By The Junior Colleague)

(1) Rommel is ill, suffering from cold—feet!

(2) The All-India Women's Conference is holding a special session to protest against the refusal of the authorities to issue ration cards to cats.

(3) Marshal Timoshenko has been invited to Washington to be offered the Supreme Command of the Allied forces.

(4) Mr. A. K. Fazlul Huq has at last made up his mind to walk in Mr. Jinnah's parlour—till he walks out again.

(5) "The Times of India" is trying to wriggle out of its elephantine blunders with the help of leonine violence to logic.

(6) Following the Government action against the "Hindustan Times" for omitting a sentence in the Gandhi-Linlithgow correspondence, a similar action will be taken against the "Times of India."

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Gaya 'dhobies' have decided to stop washing the clothes of those who are responsible for not supplying them soda at a reasonable price.

Following this excellent example, we hope

the cooks will refuse to cook for hoarders of grain,

the barbers will refuse to shave the razor-blade profiteers,

the doctors will refuse to treat profiteers in medicines,

the taxi-drivers will refuse to carry Black Market petrol dealers.

ASSEMBLY DEBATS FOOD AND FUEL POSITION

NEW DELHI, Feb. 17.

Discussion on India's food, fuel, drugs and cloth situation was continued in the Central Assembly to-day.

Mr. Hossainbhai Laljee, after referring to acute transport difficulties, which had made the movement of foodstuffs impossible, declared that the Central Government should have more authority, than the Provincial Governments in dealing with the situation.

Sir Abdul Halim Ghaznavi criticised Government's price control policy, which "gave rise to corruption and bribery" and said while prices of wheat and certain other commodities were fixed, Government and Government agents bought freely at higher prices and thus nullified their own price control, bringing about its complete breakup.

Sir Edward Benthall, War Transport Member made a statement on the fuel situation in the country and gave details of the Government's coal provision scheme recently put into operation.

After giving details of the coal and soft coke situation in Delhi and Calcutta, the War Transport Member made a reference to charcoal and firewood supplies and said that the best thing would be that they should be locally organised by the Provincial or local Governments. Sir Edward also said that the movement of people's food was a matter of the highest importance for the Government, and he would gladly receive complaints or suggestions for improvements in this matter.

Sir Ziauddin Ahmed criticised the fuel supply scheme.

Regarding Inter-Provincial Exchange, he said surplus Provinces should help the deficit Provinces in the matter of food, for instance the Punjab and U.P. could supply wheat to Bombay in return for Bombay's cloth.

Mr Neogy wanted the Government to explain how the extraordinary shortage of wagons had come about, and also why each Province had not been able to obtain even its quota from the collieries.

DRUG MANUFACTURE

Replying to Mr. Govind Deshmukh's observations on the production of sulphathiazol which had been used for the treatment of plague in India, Mr. J. D. Tyson said that the Bombay Government's application for a licence to manufacture this drug had been referred to the Calcutta High Court, whose decision must be awaited. But even if the Calcutta High Court gave the licence, there would still be difficulty in manufacturing the drug here owing to the absence of the necessary ingredients. As regards atebrin, it had been found that some twelve tons of ingredients besides equipment would have to be imported in order to produce 300 lbs of atebrin while our requirements were of the scale of 17,000 to 20,000 lbs., for which orders had already been placed in U.S.A. Government however, were prepared to encourage its manufacture as a pioneer effort in India for use in Government institutions only so as not to come into conflict with the trade.

Speaking on production of food, Mr. Tyson said that as a result of the "Grow More Food" campaign for the Kharif season alone 81 lakhs acres of land not previously under food crops had brought under food crops about half of this area by transfer from cotton, and in Kharif three million more tons of food had been produced than in the previous year.

'NO PLANS AT PROPER TIME'

Mr. N. M. Joshi criticised the Government on its "failure to realise the importance of the food-supply problem and for not making plans at the proper time." Export to the countries of the Middle East should have been stopped long ago. Regarding cloth he wondered why textiles were still being exported.

Mr. Jamnadas Mehta wanted the Government to intensify their drive against those who were making fortunes out of the misfortunes of the people.

Mr. Yusuf Haroon, in a maiden speech referred to sugar distribution in Karachi where he said a syndicate of sugar dealers had been set up by the Government. He had not concluded when the House rose for the day.

The debate will be continued on a day which it has been agreed to allot for the purpose.—A. P.

Benthall's Resolution

NEW DELHI, Feb. 17.

Sir Edward Benthall, War Transport Member, has given notice of a resolution in respect of the revision of the Railway Separation Convention and railway contribution on the general revenues, and recommends:

(1) For the year 1942-43 a sum of Rs. 23,532,000 shall be paid to general revenues over and above the current and arrear of contribution due under the convention;

(2) From the first of April 1943 so much of the convention as provides for contribution and allocation of surpluses to general revenues shall cease to be in force;

(3) For the year 1943-44, the surplus on commercial lines shall be utilised to repay any outstanding loan from the Depreciation Fund and thereafter be divided into 25 per cent. to railway reserve and 75 per cent. to general revenues, the loss, if any, on strategic lines being recovered from general revenues; and

(4) For subsequent years and until a new convention is adopted by the Assembly the allocation of surplus on commercial lines between railway reserve and general revenues shall be decided each year on the consideration of needs of railways and general revenues, the loss, if any, on strategic lines being recovered from general revenues.—United Press.

A.-I. Editors' Executive Demands Gandhiji's Release

Lodges 'Emphatic Protest Against Heavy Censorship Of Mahatma's Fast News And Comments

NEW DELHI, Feb. 17.

The Standing Committee of the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference has passed a resolution urging upon the Government of India to release Mahatma Gandhi unconditionally and immediately to enable him as a free man to help in the restoration of peaceful conditions.

ONLY DISSENTIENT

From the resolution Mr. Ian Stephens, acting editor of the *Statesman* dissented.

Explaining his dissent Mr. Ian Stephens emphasised that he held strong personal views on the propriety of fasting over political issues: his dissent should not be regarded as necessarily reflecting the views of other British-owned newspapers in India.

The Standing Committee met at 11 a.m. to-day with Mr. K. Srinivasan, President, in the Chair.

Among those present were the following:—

Mr. Tushar Kanti Ghosh, *(A. B. Patrika)*, Mr. I. Stephens *(Statesman)*, Mr. Ramnath Goenka, *(Indian Express)*, Dr. Syed Mohammed, *(Orient Press of India)*, Mr. Amritlal D. Seth *(Janmabhoomi)*, Mr. K. Srinivasan *(Free Press Journal)*, Mr. Devadas Gandhi, *(Hindustan Times)*, Mr. B. Shivarao, *(Hindu)*, Mr. A. D Mani, *(Hitavada)*, Mr. K. Punniah, *(Sind Observer)*, Mr. J. N. Sahni, *(National Call)*, Mr. H. R. Moharay, *(Samyukta Karnatak)*, Mr. S. N. Bhatnagar, *(Watan)* and Dharampal Gupta *(Tej)* and B. Sen Gupta, *(United Press of India)*.

The Standing Committee has passed the following resolution:

"This meeting of the Standing Committee is of the opinion that in view of the restoration of normal conditions in Bihar the order of suppression passed in August last by the Government of Bihar on the "Searchlight't' of Patna be rescinded and that such an action will materially help in ending the deadlock in Bihar.

MAHATMA'S FAST NEWS

This meeting of the Standing Committee urges that all relevant information about Gandhiji's fast be incorporated daily in the bulletins which should be issued over the signatures of the medical men in attendance, and full facilities be afforded to the Press to publish adequate objective details about fast from 'bona fide' representatives.

WITHDRAW RESTRICTIONS

"The Standing Committee deprecates the tendency among some Provincial Governments to impose censorship and other statutory restrictions on editorial discretion and urges the Government of India to impress upon Provincial Governments the fact that such restrictions constitute a violation of the Delhi Agreement especially as, in the Bombay resolution, editors are called upon to avoid the publication of anything which may incite the public to subversive activity or convey suggestions or instructions for illegal acts or is an exaggerated report or unfounded allegation regarding the treatment and condition of detenus and prisoners. Such restriction should not be imposed and where they have been imposed this should be withdrawn."

"This meeting of the Standing Committee records emphatic protest against the heavy censorship of news and comment both internal and foreign regarding Mahatma Gandhi's' fast preventing a correct picture of the situation in the country being presented in India and out side."

The President has addressed a letter to the Government of India on behalf of the Standing Committee regarding Press restriction in general and relating to the issue arising out of the action against the "Hindustan Times."

The Standing Committee adjourned at 8-15 p.m.—A. P.

TURKEY FEARS NO SOVIETISATION

Press Mission Chief's Reply At Hyderabad Conference

(From Our Correspondent)

HYDERABAD (Dn.), Feb. 17.

"The Turkish revolution and reforms accomplished by this revolution have brought about such a system of national interest and system of defence of these interests that Turkey need not be afraid to tackle any extreme movement. There is no extremist movement in Turkey from right or left which can be of any danger for Turkey" said M. Atay, leader of the Turkish Press Mission at a Press Conference, answering a number of questions and specially the question as to whether Turkey feared of its turning Communistic.

When asked about the Washington report about Mr. Churchill having allayed fears of Sovietisation of Turkey through Russian victories, M. Atay said: "The declaration of Mr. Churchill about Russo-Turkish relations and Turkey's position are so clear and definite that there is no room for speculation."

When asked by your correspondent whether they believed in non-violence as preached by Gandhiji the leader of the Press Mission stated that they would discuss this question in the Turkish Press.

As regards exchange of Press Representatives between Turkey and India he said that they were convinced of the question and felt the absence of a Turkish press representative in India and 'vice versa' and hoped to remedy the deficit.

In conclusion M. Atay observed: "Our visit to India has been a good beginning for development of commercial relations and cultural and intellectual co-operation between both the countries.

AT REVIEW OF ARMOURED FORMATIONS

The Turkish Press Delegation attended an impressive review of armoured and mechanised formations at Secunderabad. The Turkish National Flag and the Union Jack were flown at the saluting base.

The party later witnessed a demonstration of an "attack" carried out by tanks and motorised infantry.

The members of the Turkish Press Mission were entertained at an 'At Home' last evening by Hyderabad (Deccan) Journalists' Association. The Nawab of Chhatari, President, H. E. H. the Nizam's Executive Council, was present.—A.P.

INDORE MALWA MILL DISPUTE

Justice Chagla's Judgment Upheld

(Before the Hon'ble the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Weston).

Brijlal Ramjidas and another ...Appellants (Original Plaintiffs).

Versus

Govindram Seksaria and Others ...Respondents (Original Defendants).

This was an appeal from a decision of Mr. Justice Chagla delivered on 4th September 1942, dismissing the plaintiffs' suit.

On 14th November 1934 the parties entered into a partnership agreement for acting as the Managing Agents of the Indore Malwa United Mills Ld. In October 1940 disputes arose among the partners which on 17th December 1940 were referred to the arbitration of Col. Dinanath, the Prime Minister of Indore who made his Award on 8th February 1941 to the effect that the Respondents who held an 11 anna share in the partnership were to buy over the 5 annas share of the Appellants "at par".

The filing of this Award in Court was opposed by the present appellants and ultimately on 29th October 1941, Mr. Justice Jambhekar of the Indore State High Court ordered the Award to be filed. An appeal from this order to a Bench of that High Court did not succeed.

Pursuant to this Award the Respondents excluded the Appellants from management of the business. So on 14th February 1941 the present suit was filed for a declaration that the Award was invalid and of no effect and should be set aside, for a declaration that the appellants continued to be partners and for an injunction restraining their exclusion from management. The validity of the Award was challenged on various grounds—that parties were not heard, that the Arbitrator imported his private knowledge and what he had heard from outsiders, that the Arbitrator exceeded the Submission which referred to him merely the determination of the value of each share and not the question which partner was to buy and which to sell, that the Award was vague and indefinite when it used the words "at par".

Mr. Justice Chagla dismissed the suit on the ground that the order filing the Award in the Indore High Court was a "foreign judgment" of a "competent" court which under Sec. 13 of the Civil Procedure Code was binding and conclusive, and that therefore the question of wrongful exclusion did not arise.

Aggrieved by this order of dismissal the plaintiffs appealed to Their Lordships on the ground that the trial judge was wrong in holding that the judgment of the Indore Court was conclusive and binding and that in any event he should as an independent part of the case have regarded the Award embodied in the decree of the Indore Court as unenforceable by reason of its vagueness even though it was valid and binding.

Their Lordships upheld the decision of Mr. Justice Chagla, dismissed the plaintiffs' appeal with costs and ordered that the temporary injunction restraining the defendants from excluding the plaintiffs be dissolved.

Mr. M. C. Setalvad, Mr. C. K. Daphtary and Mr. K. K. Desai instructed by Messrs. Haridas and Co., appeared for the Appellants.

The Advocate-General Mr. N. P. Engineer, Sir Jamshedji Kanga and Mr. P. A. Mahale instructed by Messrs. Ardeshir Hormusji Dinshaw and Co., appeared for Respondents 1, 2 and 3.

Mr. M. L. Manekshah and Mr. R. J. Kolah instructed by Messrs. Merwanji Kola and Co., appeared for Respondents 4 and 5.

ANNUAL MILL STATEMENT

The Millowners' Association has published the annual mill statement for the year ended August 1942 which states:—

The number of mills has risen from 390 to 396; the paidup capital has increased from Rs. 44,78 lakhs to Rs. 46,49 lakhs, and the quantity of cotton consumed increased from 21,26,000 candies to 23,70,000 candies.

The number of equipped mills in the City and Island of Bombay has increased from 64 to 66, the New Sun Mills Co. Ltd. (formerly Madhao Rao Scindia Mills) and the New Premier Mills (formerly Premier Mills) having started operations. In Ahmedabad, one mill was scrapped viz. The Gujerat Ginning and Mfg. Co., Ltd. In Bombay Province, Central India, Punjab, U.P. and Madras, the number of mills has increased by one each. The following mills started operations in these centres:—

The Jaya Cotton Mills Ltd., Sidhpur (Baroda State), The Shri Maharani Mahalsabai Cotton Mills, (C.I.), The Punjab Textile Mills Ltd. (Mill No. 2), Punjab, The Shri Radhakrishna Mills, Mirzapore, (U.P.) and The Jayalakshmi Mills Ltd. Madras.

Out of the 396 equipped mills in the country, 9 were partially or completely idle as against 10 last year and 23 in the year before. Of these 9 mills, 2 were located in Ahmedabad, 2 in Bombay Province, 2 in Bengal Province, 1 in Delhi and 2 in Madras Province.

SPINDLES & LOOMS: The total number of spindles in the equipped mills in India stood at 1,00,26,000 as compared with 99,61,000 and 1,00,06,000 on 31st August 1941 and 1940 respectively. The number of looms increased from 1,98,600 to 2,00,200.

In the City and Island of Bombay the number of spindles totalled 28,20,000 or an increase of about 31,000 over the previous year's figures. The number of looms stood at 66,100 as compared with 65,300 last year. In Ahmedabad, the number of spindles increased from 17,83,000 to 17,92,000.

The number of looms decreased from 43,500 to 43,400. In the Province of Bombay, (outside the City of Bombay and Ahmedabad), the number of spindles and looms totalled 12,59,000 and 26,510 as compared with 12,49,000 and 26,100 respectively during the previous year.

In Rajputana the number of spindles and looms increased from 98,000 and 2,300 to 1,14,000 and 2,700 respectively. The number of spindles in the Bengal Province increased from 4,59,000 to 4,72,000 and the number of looms increased from 10,600 to 10,700. In Central India, which includes Indore, Gwalior, Bhopal and Rutlam States, the number of spindles and looms increased from 3,84,600 and 10,900 to 3,85,000 and 11,000 respectively.

The number of spindles and looms installed in Madras Province dropped from 14,52,000 and 6,900 to 14,50,000 and 6,200 respectively. In the United Provinces the number of spindles dropped from 7,50,000 to 7,46,000, but the number of looms increased from 12,300 to 12,500. Changes in the numbers of spindles and looms erected in other centres of the Industry were relatively insignificant.

PAID-UP CAPITAL: The total paid-upp capital of the Industry on 31st August 1942 amounted to Rs. 46,49 lakhs as compared with Rs. 44,78 lakhs on 31st August 1941, the increase being: Bombay City and Island 25 lakhs; Ahmedabad 21 lakhs; Rajputana 28 lakhs; Central Provinces 2 1/2 lakhs; Bengal Province 25 lakhs; Punjab 1 1/2 lakhs; U. P. 11 lakhs and Madras Province 20 lakhs.

SPINDLE AND LOOM ACTIVITY: During the year ended 31st August 1942, the Industry consumed 2,370,400 candies of cotton which is approximately 2,45,000 candies more than last year's consumption.

The average number of spindles working daily during the year was 9,166,000 out of 10,026,500 installed. The corresponding figures last year were 9,083,000 out of 9,961,200 erected. As regards looms, an average of 184,700 were working during the year out of 200,200 installed. This compares with 184,300 working out of a total of 198,600 installed in the previous year.

In the City and Island of Bombay an average of 2,458,000 spindles and 61,141 looms were working daily during the year out of 2,820,000 spindles and 66,100 looms installed.

It has to be remembered that the figures of spindle and loom activity referred to above, do not include figures of mills working night shifts.

The number of operatives employed daily on day shifts was approximately 4,80,000 as compared with 4,60,000 in the previous year. Full particulars of the numbers regularly employed on the night shift are not available.

The particulars given above do not include the figures of one mill in Madras, one in Central India and one in U.P. which did not furnish information.

Control Of Indian Cotton Crop Production

The Central Cotton Committee at its meeting held last month passed the following resolution:—

"While the Indian Central Cotton Committee notes with satisfaction the decrease of four million acres in the current year's cotton crop, it is apprehensive, in view of the relatively high prices for short and fair staple cotton prevailing in the current year as compared with last year, that there will be a tendency to grow more cotton of that type in the coming season at the expense of food crops, despite propaganda to the contrary. As cotton growing must be considered in relation to the growing of other crops, and having regard to the seriousness of the food situation in the country in many areas in spite of an increase of about 8 million acres under Kharif food grains alone and in order to ensure, in the interests of the cotton grower, that the prices of cotton do not again fall to unremunerative levels as a result of over-production, the Committee recommends that,

(1) measures should be taken forthwith to restrict, compulsorily if feasible, the acreage under cotton in the coming season so that it does not exceed the present season's acreage. It should also be ensured at the same time that the existing proportion of short to long staple is not exceeded,

(2) a suitable fair price for food grains should be guaranteed and widely notified well before sowing time so that the grower may be encouraged to expand his acreage under food crops,

(3) suitable concessions should be given as may be most effective according to local conditions in each province or State, such as the supply of seed and manure at cheap rates, reduction of land revenue and rent, etc., to encourage the production of food crops,

(4) the advisability of removing or adjusting the existing maximum prices for food grains should be examined by Government,

(5) a Central Crop Planning Board should be established together with Provincial Crop Planning Boards as early as possible to ensure planned production on an All-India basis. This Board should work in close co-operation with the Central Food Advisory Council."

KEROSENE AND MATCH BOXES

AHMEDABAD, February 17.

The District Magistrate has issued an order under D.I.R prohibiting a person in Ahmedabad District from possessing more than two dozen match boxes and four gallons kerosene.—A. P.

GOLD AND SILVER

Bombay, Feb. 17.

London gold was unchanged at £8-8-0 Dollar Sterling cross rate was 4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2 at London and 4.03 3/4 at New York.

London spot and forward quotations were unchanged at 23 1/2d. New York Spot Silver was also unchanged at 44 3/4 cents.

The local market was officially open today but no transactions were reported. Some stray deals were done privately at rates given below:—

GOLD.

Ready	Rs.	66 7 0
Maha		66 3 0
Sovereigns		48 2 0

SILVER.

Ready		102 10 0
Maha		101 12 0

LONDON SILVER.

London, Feb. 16.

Spot	not received
Forward	not received

LONDON GOLD.

London, Feb. 16.

London gold fine per oz £8-8-0

Bombay Market Quotations

Bombay, Feb. 17.

Private business was being done in local markets and quotations at 5 p.m. were as under:—

Cotton March	Rs.	454 0 0
Linseed May		10 4 0
Groundnuts May		86 8 0
Castorseeds May		87 4 0
Silver Ready		103 0 0
Silver Maha		102 2 0
Silver Fagan		101 2 0
Gold Ready		66 7 0
Gold Maha		66 3 0
Sovereigns		48 4 0

Yarn Market Fairly Active

Bombay, Feb. 17.

Since our last report the Yarn Market remained fairly active in the earlier part of the week. In the latter part however, tading was restricted although the tone of the market remained firm. Advices from the consuming centres were for improvement in prices especially from the Southern Markets. A great deal of scarcity has been found in finer counts especially above 40s and prices soared up due to heavy demand from Punjab and Bengal Markets. The scheme of "Standard Cloth" introduction had no effect and there will hardly be any effect as there is shortage of ready stock in the market. Exports have been restricted due to space difficulties and also due to licenses. The tone has remained steady and we expect prices to remain firm. If the Indian political matters are settled, we expect further rise in prices.

JAPANESE & SHANGHAI YARNS: Day by day shortage is felt in these classes of yarns and as no arrivals are to come, we expect further improvement. There was a fair demand of Mercerised yarns from Export Markets but business booked was small owing to shortage of supplies. Prices improved by As. 1-6 per lb. with a better tone at the close.

ART SILK YARNS: A fair demand was experienced from Mills and Factories in this class of yarns and prices went up by As. 2/- to As. 3/- per lb. Further improvement is expected as the stocks are reducing and some well-known qualities especially in 120 Deniers are not in sight.

INDIAN YARNS: A good amount of business was transacted in this class of yarns and traders are taking better interest as foreign yarn stocks are reducing slowly and slowly. The nett rise in price on the Bombay Yarn Exchange Ltd., during the week was Rs. 10/- per bale but the undertone is very hopeful. Ready goods had better demand and this is another reason why the forward prices will still go up. Over and above this, there are encouraging news from Allies War Theatres.

IS IT COMPLETE TEXT OF CORRESPONDENCE?

Mr. Sorensen, M.P. has asked Mr. Amery, the Secretary of State for India:—

Whether he can state the total number of killed and wounded arising out of the disturbances and how many punishments by whipping have been imposed;

Whether the correspondence between Mahatma Gandhi and the Viceroy represents and includes the whole correspondence or only selections;

Whether in view of the recent plea of the Indian Chamber of Commerce and other bodies for a renewed satisfactory settlement and the meeting of the Delhi Conference he would consider advising the Viceroy to allow contact between Mahatma Gandhi and other Congress leaders; and whether he would consider sympathetically any proposal emanating from the Delhi Conference.

RELEASE GANDHIJI TO RESTORE PEACE

Sir Abdul Halim Ghuznavi, M.L.A. (Central), President of the Central National Mahomedan Association of India, in a statement urges the immediate and unconditional release of Mahatma Gandhi on "purely humanitarian grounds."

Sir Abdul Halim says: "As far as I am concerned it is my conviction that if he is released unconditionally, whatever may be said for or against his non-violence creed, he would help in bringing the end of the disquieting situation that is permeating the atmosphere in the country now, and that when he is acquainted with the facts of the violence and disorderly conduct of the reactionary forces that have been at work in the name of the Congress civil disobedience movement since his arrest on August 9, he would exert himself to call off the regrettable movement.

It is beyond my ken as to what the Government fears in the release of Mahatma Gandhi for if after his release he again takes action which is prejudicial to orderly Government, he could again be sent to jail and this time with very much more justification at bar of world opinion than before.

I am afraid there is not in the Government of India due appreciation of the dangers of allowing Mahatma Gandhi to die in prison, which God forbid, as a sequel to the fast.

Very few people in India can claim the extent of moral and material support to the war effort of this country as lies to my credit. It is my firm belief that there is no better contribution to war efforts at this stage than the immediate and unconditional release of Mahatma Gandhi whose influence in bringing the disorderly condition in the country to an end is vital and necessary.

War effort is a supreme thing to me because the primary thing is defeating the enemies of civilisation manifested in the Axis forces.

Mahatma Gandhi is a declared anti-Fascist and however much I and others may differ from his practical politics Mahatma Gandhi by sheer dint of sufferings and sacrifices in the cause of the country to-day is enshrined in the hearts of many Indians and occupies a position of influence among the masses of India which no other could claim.

I am a signatory to the ensuing Leaders' Conference here for these reasons as well as because I want the release of Mahatma Gandhi on humanitarian grounds."—United Press.

BOMBAY STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay, Feb 17.

The local Share Bazar was officially open to-day but no business was done in the trading ring.

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, Feb. 17

The local cotton market was officially open but no business was done in the trading ring. However a fair amount of business was being done privately at Rs. 452/8 to Rs. 453 for March delivery.

Later on there was active buying and prices advanced to Rs. 458 and later reacted to Rs. 452/8 on realising.

Aggressive Buying On N. Y. Cotton Exchange

Bombay, Feb. 17

After several week's hesitancy, the New York cotton market recorded a rise of about one dollar per bale on Tuesday. There was aggressive trade buying in near months together with broader outside demand and short covering in distants inspired by the favourable reaction to Washington news and strength of grains readily absorbed March liquidation and the scale up realising. The market closed at about the highest level of the day

Chicago grains market advanced sharply on buying encouraged by the House Appropriations Sub-Committee rejection of the Administration's 100 million dollars incentive payment plan which is viewed as an opening wedge for higher parity prices.

The market opened at about the lowest level of the day at a rise of one point at 19.61 for March and advanced to 20.00 which was the highest. The market closed at a net rise of 20 to 24 points. Spot cotton prices were raised 19 points at 21.62c. per lb.

The New Orleans Cotton futures market was also firm and closed at a rise of 19 to 21 points. Spot cotton prices closed 12 points higher at 20.59c. per lb.

WALL STREET MARKET.

For higher parity prices. Wall Street opened irregular and low priced issues again appeared in large blocks. The Russian victories offset somewhat cloudy Tunisian despatches but the market suffered its first setback since fractional declines ruled from the start but offerings were never urgent and, while dealings again topped million shares, they were relatively slow compared with yesterday's total which was the largest since December 1941. There was little support in the final hour and losses were reduced or cancelled in many cases. The session closed irregular."

PRIVATE CABLES.

N. Y. March highest (1-6 p.m.)	20.00+20
N. Y. March lowest (10 a.m.	19.81+01

NEW YORK COTTON.

New York, Feb. 16.

March	20.00+20
May	19.74+21
July	19.57+20
October	19.42+24
December	19.38+22
January	19.35+21
Middling spot	21.62+19

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

New York, Feb. 16.

March	20.27+21
May	19.99+18
July	19.82+19
October	19.64+19
December	19.61+20
January	19.56+19
Middling spot	20.59+12

NOON CALL.

New York, Feb. 16

March	19.94
May	19.70
July	19.53

LONDON EXCHANGES.

London, Feb. 16.

T. T. London on —

New York sellers	4.02 1/2 buyers 4.03 1/2
Madrid official	40.5
Montreal sellers	4.43 buyers 4.47
Zurich sellers	17.3 buyers 17.4
Stockholm sellers	16.85 buyers 16.95

LONDON WHEAT.

London, Feb. 16.

Wheat Rozario Santa fe Feb-March quoted 26/1 1/2

Wheat Australian Feb-March quoted 28

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

London, Feb. 16.

Rupee Paper 3 1/2 per cent	£68 3/8
Consols 2 1/2 per cent	£82 1/2
Conversion Loan 3 1/2 per cent 1961	£106 15/16
War Loan 3 1/2 per cent	£105 6/16
Funding Loan 4 per cent 1960/90	£115 11/16
Victory Bonds 4 per cent	£113 9/16
Chartered Bank of I. A and China	£8 5/8
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank (London reg.)	£69
National Bank of India	£33 1/2

MONEY MARKET

Bombay. Feb. 17.

LONDON—

Banks buying 90 Days/St. 1/6 9/32 Two Months.

Banks buying 90 Days/St. 1/6 5/16 Three Months

Banks buying 90 Days/St. 1/6 5/16 Four Months.

B C Rates T T 1/5 15/16 D D 1/5 15/16

Banks selling T T 1/5 31/32 D D 1/5 31/33

Banks buying T T 1/6 1/32 D D 1/6 5/32

LONDON/NEW YORK—

Banks selling T T Rs. 332 3/4 D D Rs. 332 3/4

Banks buying T T Rs. 239 1/2 D D Rs. 326 1/2

LONDON/MONTREAL—

Banks selling T T Rs. 302 1/2 D D Rs. 302 1/2

Banks buying T T Rs. 297 3/4 D D Rs. 294 3/4

LONDON/BERNE—

Banks selling T T Fcs 126 3/4

Banks buying Fcs 131 1/2

LONDON/STOCKHOLM—

Banks selling T T K 123 D D K 123

Banks buying T T K 128 D D K 128

MEXICO/LONDON—

Banks selling T T Rs. 67.27 D D Rs. 66.27

Banks buying T T Rs. 63.04 D D Rs. 62.04

LISBON/LONDON—

Banks selling T T Esc 7.35 nom D D Esc 7.35 nom.

Banks buying T T Esc 7.55 nom D D Esc 7.55 nom.

AUSTRALIA/LONDON—

Banks selling T T 1/10 3/8 D D 1/10 3/8

Banks buying T T — D D 1/11 3/8

Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Steady. Dull

Gold £8-8-0 Ready.

New York Silver 44 3/4.

London Silver 23 1/2 Ready. 23 1/2 Forward.

London Discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent

London Discounts 6 months 1 1/8 per cent

Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent

Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.

Money:—Call, one and two months 1/4 per cent.

3 to 9 months 1/2 per cent.

10 to 12 months 3/4 per cent.

Tone:—Better enquiry.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

COTTON

MARCH

New York, Feb. 17.

Previous closing	20.00
To-day's opening	20.03
Difference	+.03
To-day's closing	20.06
Difference	+06

CROSS RATES

T. T. NEW YORK ON LONDON.

New York, Feb. 17.

Previous closing	4.03
To-day's opening	not received

T. T LONDON ON NEW YORK

London, Feb. 17.

Previous closing	4.02 1/2	sellers: 4.03 1/2 buyers.
To-day's opening	4.02 1/2	sellers: 4.03 1/2 buyers.
To-day's closing	4.02 1/2	sellers: 4.03 1/2 buyers

LONDON BULLION

LONDON GOLD

London, Feb. 17.

London Gold	(£8-8-0) £8-8-0

LONDON SILVER

London, Feb. 17.

Spot	(23 1/2d) 23 1/2d.
Forward	(23 1/2d) 23 1/2d

CROSS RATES

London, Feb. 17.

London on Bombay (1-5 1/32 sellers 1-5 31/32 buyers) 1-5 31/32 sellers 1-5 31/32 buyers

New York on Bombay (30.36) 30.36.

DISCOUNTS

3 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent

4 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/4 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/4 per cent

6 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent

LONDON COMMODITIES

SEEDS

London, Feb. 17.

Castorseeds Bombay February/March (£35) £35 quoted

Linseed Calcutta February/March (£28) £26 quoted

Linseed La Plata February/March unquoted

Groundnut Coromandal February/March East Coast Indian shipment (£30 1/2 quoted) £30 1/2 quoted. West Coast Indian shipment (£31 1/2) £31 1/2 quoted.

LONDON METALS

London, Feb. 17.

Electric Copper (£62) £62

Lead (£25) £25

Glasgow Iron No. 3 (131 sh.) 131 sh.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, Feb. 17.

The London Stock Exchange was quiet to-day.

Madras Stock Exchange

MADRAS, Feb. 17.

Following are to-day's closing quotations on Madras Stock Exchange:—

Sugar and Breweries: Deccan Big 257/8; Deccan Small 61; Travancore 15.

Plantings: Cochin Malabar 15; Chembra Peaks cd 10/8; Cottanad 14/6; Kalpettas 43; Midland 16/14; Menmeny 19/12; Nellimpatty Hills 6/3; Ouchterlony 11/10; Peermade 43/12; Periakaramall 25; Rajagiri 16/10; Tropical 48/8; Thamarapally 20; Thirumbadi cd 4; Udayagir 17/4; Vellitam 34/8.

Textiles: Cambodia 33/4; Coimbatore Spg. 269; Coimbatore cd 330; Lakshmi 240; Do New cd 124; Mysore Spun 20; Mettur 283; Madura 65/8; Pankaja 305; Rajalakshmi 320; Radhakrishna 440; Sitaram Spg 163; Vasantha 322/8.

Miscellaneous: Andhra Cement 85; Buntons 12/14; Mysore Lamps 24/8; Mysore Chem and Fert cd 24/6; Mysore Paper 21/8; Mysore Chem Mfrs 46; Mettur Chem cd 23/12; Do defd cd 7/12; Spencer 8/2.

ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, Feb. 17.

The following is the weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches recorded at 8 hours on 13-2-43:—

Allahabad 82 51 0; Bombay 86 71 0; Calcutta 85 59 0; Cawnpore 81 48 0; Cuttack 85 61 0; Darjeeling 56 37 0; Delhi 81 46 0; Dehra Dun 74 46 0; Jacobabad 83 48 0; Karachi 79 61 0; Lahore 75 43 0; Lucknow 85 49 0; Madras 87 69 0; Nagpur 86 59 0; Patna 81 51 0; Peshawar 73 42 0; Shillong 64 41 0; Simla 52 39 0.—A.P.

Alleged Objectionable Literature Found In Car

Details of a case in which a lady doctor found herself declared the owner of a car No B.M.W. 2903 on the strength of a receipt drawn in her name, in respect of the payment of the car, but who in reality had no knowledge that she was the owner of the car were narrated to-day by Deputy Inspector Sattam of the Special Branch C.I.D. before Mr. I. S. Haji, Presidency Magistrate, Mazagaon Court. Kalyanji and H. Abdul Gafar, the driver, who were found seated and were arrested on December 25, were the accused.

As a result of certain information received, a head constable stated that he was on the look-out for car No. 2903 on December 25, and at about 3 p.m. he saw the car coming from Two Tanks and proceeding along 6th Lane, Kamatipura. He stopped the car and found accused No. 1 seated with 5 bundles of prejudicial reports lying near him. Accused No. 2 was driving the car. He asked him to drive on to the C.I.D. Office. The car was searched and about 10,000 Congress bulletins were found.

Liladhar Lakhansingh who was also arrested in this connection being found to be the real owner of the car stated that he had purchased the car for Dr. (Miss) Hiramani Ben for her use. The car was purchased from one Dhondu Balaji on December 8. He was staying in an adjoining building at Chinch Bunder. Accused No. 2 was employed by him as a driver. Accused No. 1 was his friend.

The case was adjourned to February 25.

JUNIOR AGA KHAN HOCKEY FINAL

The replay of the Junior Aga Khan Hockey Tournament Finals will be played today (Thursday) at the St. Xavier's College Ground, Parel, between St. Mary's High School and St. Xavier's High School. The match will commence at 6-10 p.m. Mr. M. R. A. Baig will preside and Mrs. Baig will give away the trophies.

CANBERRA:—Mr. Curtin has directed that the Red Army Day be recognised in Australia on February 23, which is the anniversary of the foundation of the Red Army.

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MUTT AND JEFF—Clang! Clang! Make Way for the Booby Wagon — By BUD FISHER

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THEY WERE CALLING ME A CRAZY OLD MAN!
HE SEZ PEOPLE CALL HIM CRAZY, BUT IT'S NOT SO!
YOU KNOW HOW IT IS--SOMEONE STARTS THAT KIND OF TALK AND IT SPREADS AROUND--EVERYBODY BELIEVES IT!
WELL, WE DON'T, POP!
YOU'RE O.K. BY US, POP!
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JAGIRDAR FINED Rs. 2,200

IDAR, Feb. 17.

A Jagirdar of Idar State has been fined Rs. 2,200 on a charge of attempting to counterfeit currency notes.

In view of his conviction under Section 323 and 324 I. P. C. the civil and criminal jurisdiction bestowed on the Jagirdar has been withdrawn by an order of the Maharaja.

An order has also been issued depriving the Jagirdar of the title of Rajaji and placing the Jagir under the Court of Wards management till the debts of the Jagir are cleared completely.—United Press.

Place All Brothels 'Out Of Bounds For Forces'

Metropolitan Corrects Government Statement In Assembly

CALCUTTA, Feb. 16.

The Metropolitan of India, the Most Rev. Foss Westcott, in a statement says that he is unable to reconcile the reply given in the Indian Legislative Assembly regarding "brothels for troops" in Calcutta, "with the facts of the case, with which I am intimately acquainted."

"My attention has been drawn to a reply given in the Legislative Assembly to certain questions asked by Mr. Neogy regarding "brothels for troops" in Calcutta. I cannot reconcile the answer given with the facts of the case with which I am intimately acquainted.

"The one statement in the original article, which appeared with my full sanction in the "Calcutta Diocesan Record" for November 1942; which was later amended, ran as follows:

"There are indications that the building next door to St Mary's Home is to be used for the medical examination of prostitutes".

When the Commander-in-Chief of the Eastern Army discussed this question with me, he assured me that the room was not being used for this purpose and I accepted his assurance and in the December issue stated that the "room was to be used as a prophylactic treatment centre for the men and not as an inspection clinic for prostitutes."

The room has since been closed. No other statement in the original article was amended or withdrawn.

"With regard to pressure brought on respectable tenants to vacate their houses that they might be occupied by prostitutes for the military" I have in my possession written statements made by the tenants themselves giving the names of the police officials who requested them to move elsewhere.

To say that such requests were not made is contrary to the facts, of which I have the clearest first-hand evidence.

I discussed the matter with the Commissioner of Police, who did not question the facts which I laid before him.

"On the 27th January, 1943, I wrote to the Adjutant-General in India at Army Headquarters, New Delhi, sending him among other papers a statement of facts in connection with the increase of brothels in the central part of Calcutta and notes of a visit paid to these places in Calcutta by a trained social worker. I have had no acknowledgement of that letter up-to-date, but at any rate the actual facts with certified copies of the tenants' statements are in the possession of the military authorities. "Despite official disclosure the responsibility for this extension of the brothel area in the heart of Calcutta lies either with the military authorities or the civil police. The Commissioner of Police has now assured me of his readiness to close brothels in this area on the specific complaint of local residents. It remains for the military to take the definite step of placing all brothels out of bounds."—A.P.

Relief Society For Chimur Condemned

(From Our Correspondent)

NAGPUR: (By Mail).

A capital punishment Relief Society has been formed at Nagpur, with Dr. N. B. Khare, ex-President as its chairman The Society will raise funds and render other help to go in appeal to the Federal Court and the Privy Council against the death sentences passed on 25 persons from Chimur, Ashti and Betul, in connection with the disturbances of August.

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MORE GOVT. GRAIN SHOPS IN CITY

No Interference With Idli & Dosa, Says Gorvala

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

That there was no objection to the preparation and selling of "idles" and 'dosas' in restaurants in the city as the order prohibiting preparations of pastries and cakes was not intended to interfere with the selling of these articles, was the reply given by Mr. A. D. Gorwala, Supply Commissioner, at a Press Conference, at the Secretariat, today.

Mr. Gorwala announced that 600 tons of wheat had already arrived in Bombay and the Government was also expecting a larger quantity Government was also getting 5,000 bags of "maidha" which (refined wheat flour) which would be distributed to those who would need it most. Government was also hoping to get some quantity of "jowar" from U.P. to supplement the Province's a not-too-good "rabi" crop The Central Provinces will be giving only rice to Bombay.

When his attention was drawn to the difficulties experienced by the public, resulting from conflicting official interpretations regarding the bringing of wheat and other controlled commodities from other Provinces to Bombay as nothing more than personal luggage Mr Gorwala stated that a full and detailed list of the controlled articles which could be brought to Bombay without any necessary permit was under the consideration of the Government and would be published shortly.

MORE GOVT. SHOPS

His own personal impression, however, was that if any quantity of wheat was brought to Bombay as personal luggage, no permit to remove it from the railway station of destination in Bombay was required. He gave an assurance that the matter would be fully enquired into and an order which could be popularly understood would be issued.

Regarding rationing, he stated that enumeration was nearing completion. Certain information was being tabulated and the scheme might be introduced in the first week of April.

He further stated that the number of Government shops and stores have been increased to 121 and that efforts were being made to increase the supplies of bar soap in Government shops.

Regarding sale standard cloth he said that the first instalment of standard cloth out of the total available 24 lacs of yards, has already been received in some of the districts in Bombay.

Maharajkumar On Godavari Ban

BENARES, February 17.

Maharajkumar Sir Vijaya of Vizianagram, M.L.A., President Andhra Mahasabha, in a statement to the Press says:—

"I have received telegrams and messages that we should hold a meeting of the Working Committee on the date on which the Mahasabha was to have been held, namely 27th February, which had been banned by the District Magistrate, Godavari. I appeal to our Andhra Desh that this is no time for holding any meetings but concentrate on the unconditional release of Mahatma Gandhi, with one voice, we should all pray for his safety. The time shall come when we shall not only protest against the action of the District Magistrate, but we shall also hold the twenty-third session of the Andhra Mahasabha and demonstrate that we are of one mind and of one thought—the achievement of a separate province in the larger federation or union of a Free India."—A. P.

War Stops Sivaratri Mela At Sitakund

The District Magistrate of Chittagong, has issued a press note, that in view of the present war situation, no congregation of pilgrims is desirable at the ensuing Sivaratri Mela at Sitakund which takes place every year in this district in the month of Falgun (March).

British Peace Union Secretary Imprisoned

LONDON, Feb. 17.

The General Secretary of the British Peace Pledge Union, Mr. Stuart Denton Morris and an employee of a Government department, Mr. Arthur Thomas Williams have been sent to prison for 9 and 12 months respectively for conspiracy under the Official Secrets Act.

A Home Office announcement on Tuesday says that they were convicted on Jan. 19. Documents given to Mr. Williams to be destroyed were found in his possession.

Mr. Stuart Morris who during the last war was a Chaplain to the forces was at one time Honorary Canon of Birmingham Cathedral. He renounced holy orders in 1939 as a protest against "the official attitude of the Church of England towards the war".—Reuter.

The Magistrate appointed by the Government of Bombay to try cases under the Food and Price Control Orders is an Additional Presidency Magistrate, not an Additional District Magistrate as previously announced.

END POLITICAL DEADLOCK TO AVOID INFLATION

C. N. Vakil's Suggestions

BOMBAY, Monday.

That in order to end inflation which was lowering the living standards of the people, the Government of India as well as other Political parties should immediately end the political deadlock, was the suggestion made by Professor C. N. Vakil speaking this evening under the auspices of the Progressive Group at Green's Hotel, Mr. Tanubhai Desai presided.

Continuing Prof. Vakil said that an important method to avoid inflation was for the Government to raise loans. Money was available in plenty. By creating an atmosphere of confidence and goodwill, the Government could raise the finance required by them. This, rather than indirect and compulsory methods like war savings account would solve the problem.

As the poorer and the middle classes were the worst victims of inflation, the Government should afford them, he suggested, some relief by raising the taxable minimum from Rs. 1,500 to Rs. 3,000.

In war time, one of the sacrifices which the civil population has to bear is restriction of ordinary supplies in the form of high prices. The question is how best to minimise the difficulties caused by this phenomenon so that the morale of the people can be maintained, as it is an essential part of war strategy. The problem then is whether we should have high prices or higher prices, and the country which succeeds in preventing prices going beyond reasonable heights does well in this important sphere.

The political deadlock makes the problem difficult Political power is demanded among other things for economic ends, namely, to raise the standard of living of the people But as inflation is lowering further the already low standard of living of people and thus making the difficult problems of post-war reconstruction still more difficult, it is high time that all concerned including the Government of India solved the political deadlock without delay. By enlisting the co-operation of the people for anti-inflationary measures in this way the present and future evils of inflation can be avoided and the war effort stimulated.

Dahanukar Urges Release Of Mahatma

Presiding over the first quarterly general meeting of the Maharashtra Chamber of Commerce at its premises in the Industrial Assurance Building, on Wednesday evening, Mr. M. L. Dahanukar referred to the public anxiety caused by Mahatma Gandhi's fast, and expressed the hope that Government might realise the gravity of the situation and release Gandhiji at the earliest possible moment.

Referring to the food supply, the speaker stressed the need to ensure sufficient supplies of foodstuff to the civilian population without any difficulty. The speaker further advised the Government that rationing should be introduced only if necessary, and that too after preparations were made for sufficient supplies and proper distribution.

Girgaum Hindu Sabha Telegram To Leader Of Turkish Mission

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Mr. L. G. Thatte, Vice-President, Girgaum District Hindu Sabha has sent the following telegram to Mr. Atay, Leader of Turkish Mission on his Hyderabad Address:—

Foreigners intending to know politics of Hindustan must see the Hindu Sabha leaders first, as that is the only body which represents three-fourths of the population of Hindustan, Mr. Beige's statement that 'you do not intend to see Hindu Sabha leaders at present' has created great discontent among the twelve lakhs of Hindus in Bombay. Hindu Sabha corporators on that account have declared not to participate in the presentation of the proposed civic address by the Bombay Municipal Corporation.

Explanation by wire necessary.

BANGALORE, Feb. 16. — The Government of Mysore have sanctioned payment of special war bonus consisting of one month's salary or wages to the employees of the Mysore Iron and Steel Works, Bhadravati. This payment has been sanctioned as a special measure this year and the total expenditure on this account is about Rs. 1,25,000.

The Half-Column By "Dim"

Frank Moraes of the "Times of India" has the honour of becoming the first Indian accredited war correspondent on which he has the congratulations—and I should say the envy—of journalists all over India. I feel particularly happy that a principle, for which I have fought in this half column has at last been granted and that our young men in journalism will have the opportunity long denied to them. That the benefit of it should have been first reaped by a personal friend is particularly gratifying. My only regret is that India's first accredited correspondent should have had to come from an Anglo-Indian contemporary, when there are hundreds of nationalist papers all over India who might also have sent either jointly or singly an Indian as their correspondent. I understand that Government and the Defence Department have now conceded that they will accredit those journalists, whose newspapers apply for it, and that they will be given the facilities of transport over war areas. I see very little hope of many of our newspapers being represented. That is where the position regarding Indian war correspondents will still remain unsatisfactory as far as journalists themselves are concerned, unless the press chiefs get together and see what possibilities there are for giving the younger men a break and an opportunity of covering some of the outstanding events of this age. I am one of those who believe that it is the reports of these young men which will build public opinion and which will bring the war and its implications nearer to the people of India.

MAKE LEAGUE ARMOUR-PLATED

Jinnah Asks Sind Muslims To Join Up As One Man

KARACHI, Feb. 16.

Mr. M. A. Jinnah, President of All-India Muslim League in a message to the Mussalmans of Sind says "We cannot always succeed in settling vital and grave problems—problems affecting life and death—by merely making speeches. The only weapon that you have to forge—and the sooner you forge the better—is to create your own strength and your own power and make your organisation so complete that you can face any danger, any power, any opponent any enemy singly or combined together.

Therefore, I appeal to every one to come into the Muslim League. It is your organisation. It is not the property of this man or that man It is your organisation and you can make it as you like and what you like".

Mr. Jinnah exhorts that hundred millions of Muslims of India have nothing to fear and they have their destiny in their own hands and as a well-knit solid organised united force can face any danger and withstand any opposition to its united front and wishes. Mr. Jinnah asked them to be true and loyal and he felt confident that success was with them.—A. P.

Parallel Administration In Midnapore

CALCUTTA.

Replying to the debate in the Bengal Assembly, on the adjournment motion regarding alleged excesses in Midnapore the Chief Minister, Mr. A. K. Fazlul Huq, gave a brief review of the state of affairs prevailing in Midnapore. Government, he said, had in their possession abundant evidence to show that for some time previous to the adoption of the resolution by the All India Congress Committee on August 8 last there was something like a net work of parallel administration set up in the District of Midnapore.

Dr. Nalinaksha Sanyal (Congress): We challenge you to prove that.

Mr. Huq: If a proper enquiry is made these things will come out.

Continuing Mr. Huq said that the people who had set up the parallel administration had their District Magistrate, Sub-divisional officers, the police C.I.D. etc. 'When Dr. Sanyal' Mr. Huq pointed out 'challenges me, let me remind him that after the August 8, when lawlessness broke out in Midnapore, these 'police officers' of the Congress actually 'arrested' persons whom they put in jails which were called 'Gandhi jail'. There is also evidence that many of these persons who called themselves volunteers, and the 'police' force of the Congress actually committed acts of violence on persons who resisted these acts of lawlessness.

Even now Government were receiving from various parts of the District reports that lawlessness was far from being at an end there.—A. P.

CHURCHILL'S REJOINDER

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

LONDON, Feb. 17.

Addressing the Torquay Rotarians, Senor Blanck the Cuban Minister said, when he presented Churchill 7,000 Havana cigars, the Premier said when he met Gen. Montgomery, the "Desert General", remarked: "I neither smoke nor drink and I am therefore hundred centum fit"

Churchill replied: "I both smoke and drink; I too am hundred centum fit."

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I. & E. NEWSPAPER SOCIETY

Devadas Gandhi Elected President

CALCUTTA.

The Fourth Annual General Meeting of the Indian and Eastern Newspaper Society was held at the Imperial Hotel, New Delhi on February 15th, at which after Mr. Arthur Moore the retiring President, and other officers had vacated office, a new election took place, and a committee was formed for the year 1943 consisting of the following members:—

President: Mr. Devadas Gandhi. ("Hindustan Times").

Deputy President: Mr. H. W. Smith. ("Times of India").

Vice-President: Mr. W. J. B. Walker. ("Statesman").

Honorary Treasurer: Mr. J. K. Cowley. ("Statesman").

Committee: Mr. K. Srinivasan ("Hindu"); Mr. Tushar Kanti Ghosh ("Amrita Bazar Patrika"); Mr. F. W. Bustin ("Civil and Military Gazette"); Mr. P. L. Sondhi, ("Tribune"); Mr. B. N. Chopra ("Pioneer") and Secretary: Mr. Asu De.

Mr. Arthur Moore read out at the meeting a farewell address embodying a resume of the Society's activities since its inception and expressing a fervent hope for its steady expansion in the future. Felicitous speeches were delivered in reply by Mr. Devadas Gandhi and Mr. Tushar Kanti Ghosh eulogising the retiring President for the unique services rendered by him in the Society's interests during his term of office which were warmly supported by the members of the Society

Two other meetings of the Society were also held on February 15th and 16th in the course of which the present difficult situation with regard to newsprint supply was discussed and certain proposals made by the Government in this connection were examined. Important changes in the prevailing size and price of newspapers are expected.—A.P

TURKEY PREPARING FOR ELECTIONS

BY LEONARD KIRSCHEN

(From Ankara by Air Mail.)

Turkey is preparing for new elections. The new Mejlis Turkish Grand National Assembly—is due to meet on March 8. Among the immediate matters it will have to deal with is the election of the President of the Republic. President Ineunu himself must be elected to the Mejlis first as a Deputy and when re-elected as President of the Republic—which is 100 per cent certain—he will still remain a Deputy but cannot take part in the meetings of the House. The only day when he will take part effectively as a Deputy is the day of his election.

Elections in Turkey are made under the one party system, so that one cannot expect a violent electoral campaign but rather a campaign of speeches to explain the party programme and intentions to the people. The elections are indirect and in two degrees, and the electors who in the end chose the Deputies must be elected by the people by February 20.

Well-informed political circles say that the new Mejlis will include nearly 25 per cent, new members. It is the party which draws up the lists of candidates, which are then presented to the first degree electors, who themselves are party members.

This change of structure is expected to rejuvenate the Mejlis and give an opportunity to the younger generation which has been educated 100 per cent under the new Republican regime. Up to the present day, it must be noted, the composition of the Mejlis did not much differ from the first House elected during the second legislature.

The new legislative period will be the seventh of the young Turkish Republic.

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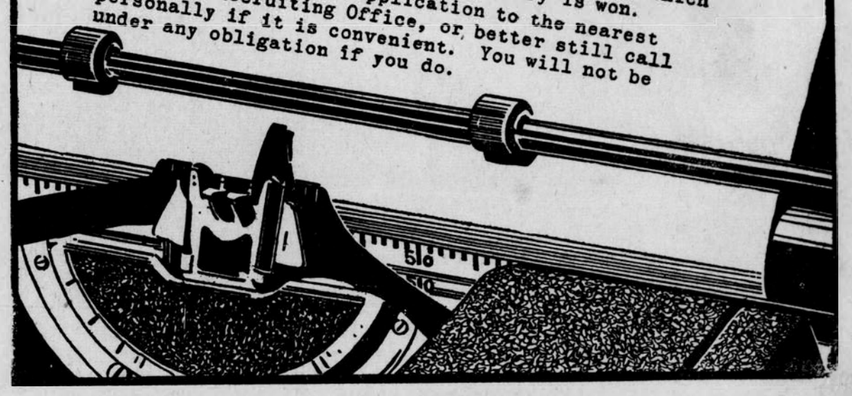

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